

THE ASSOCIATION OF  
BRITISH MEMBERS  
OF THE  
SWISS ALPINE CLUB.  
(Established 1909.)

President :  
**CLINTON DENT, Esq.**

Vice-President :  
**Dr. O. K. WILLIAMSON.**

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Hon. Secretary :  
**J. A. B. BRUCE, Selborne Lodge, Guildford.**  
1911.

# ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH MEMBERS OF SWISS ALPINE CLUB.

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## OFFICERS.

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(HON. MEMBER S.A.C.)

### Vice-President :

DR. O. K. WILLIAMSON

### Committee :

DR. H. L. DENT	H. G. PULLING
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R. HUGHES, D.C.L. (Co-opted)	G. L. STEWART
LIEUT. F. H. GRENFELL, R.N.	C. T. LEHMANN (Co-opted)
W. W. JAMES	H. ARCHER THOMSON (Ski Club of Gt. Britain), Co-opted
ARNOLD LUNN	R. V. VERNON
E. G. OLIVER	

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ARTHUR B. CHALLIS

### Hon. Treasurer :

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### Hon. Sec. :

J. A. B. BRUCE, Selborne Lodge, Austen Road, Guildford.

# ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH MEMBERS OF SWISS ALPINE CLUB.

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## OBJECTS, Etc., OF ASSOCIATION.

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### CONSTITUTION.

#### 1. NAME.

The name of the Association shall be 'The Association of British Members of the Swiss Alpine Club.'

#### 2. OBJECTS.

- (a) To encourage British Alpinists to support the Swiss Alpine Club in all its work, by becoming members of a section of that body.
- (b) To collect funds and present to the S.A.C. a Club Hut, and for such other purposes as the Association may from time to time determine.
- (c) To form a body able to present a collective opinion to the S.A.C. on any question of Alpine interest.
- (d) To promote among British members the sociability which is so conspicuous a feature of the Swiss sections, but from which we are necessarily debarred by living at a distance from the headquarters of our sections.

**Members.**—1. Ordinary. The qualification for ordinary membership shall be 'membership of some section of the S.A.C.'  
2. Honorary. To be elected at the discretion of the Committee.

### **3. SUBSCRIPTION.**

The Annual Subscription to the Association shall be 5/- per annum. The payment of £2 2s. shall be considered as equivalent to the annual payment of 5/-. Our members must also belong to some section of the Swiss Alpine Club.

### **4. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS.**

There shall be two General Meetings in the year, viz., The Annual General Meeting and a dinner in December, a more informal meeting in June, and such winter meetings as the Committee may think fit.

## **RULES.**

Complete list of members and rules sent on application to the Hon. Secretary.

## HOW TO BELONG TO SWISS ALPINE CLUB.

Those who do not yet belong to the Swiss Alpine Club and desire to do so, can be put up at once, even if they do not wish to belong to our Association. They should write to the Honorary Secretary, J. A. B. Bruce, Selborne Lodge, Guildford, and state whether they wish to join a French, German, or Italian speaking section. The subscription varies slightly in the various sections, but is not more than 17½ francs a year (14/-), and 10 francs (8/-), entrance fee. The Association can arrange to pay the subscriptions to the S.A.C. yearly. If 22/- (the first year's subscription and entrance fee) is sent the candidate can be elected at once. If he wishes to obtain the full advantages of membership he should also enclose a small photograph of himself, which will be sent out to Switzerland to be signed and returned on his card of membership. If, in addition, he wishes to belong to our Association in England, the extra subscription is only 5/- a year, or £2 2s. for life.

### ADVANTAGES OF BELONGING TO THE SWISS ALPINE CLUB.

Members of the Club obtain reductions on certain Swiss Railways (e.g., half-price on Zermatt Railway); half-price at certain Huts; a RIGHT of entry at the Club Huts, instead of being there on SUFFERANCE; a fortnightly paper and monthly magazine in a French section free; and the Jahrbük, a well-illustrated Annual, half-price, and other advantages. In a German section the Year Book is free, but the Echo des Alpes is extra.

A good feeling is created amongst the Swiss when they see British climbers, who use their Huts, contributing to their support by becoming members of the S.A.C.

### INSURANCE OF GUIDES.

The S.A.C. contributes one half the cost of insurance, if the guide pays the other half.

Association of British Members  
OF THE  
Swiss Alpine Club.

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REPORT for 1909 and 1910.

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On June 23rd, 1909, a meeting was held at the Blenheim Restaurant with the object of forming a section of the Swiss Alpine Club in Great Britain, and of presenting a club hut to the Swiss. Mr. E. B. Harris took the chair, and Professor Roget, of the Swiss Alpine Club, addressed the meeting. A committee was formed to conduct the necessary negotiations with the Central Committee of the S.A.C. That body replied that their rules did not allow a section to be formed outside Switzerland, but that an association of members of the various sections of the S.A.C. who lived in Great Britain would be welcomed, and that the proposed gift of a club hut would be gratefully accepted.

It was therefore decided to form such an association, and the inaugural meeting and dinner was held at the Holborn Restaurant on

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December 8th, 1910. Mr. Clinton Dent took the chair, and was elected the first president. About 120 attended, and among the speakers, besides the president, were the Bishop of Bristol, Sir F. Pollock, Bart., A. E. W. Mason, M.P., Edward Whymper and Professor Roget (who attended as the delegate of the C.C. of the Swiss Alpine Club).

In January, 1910, about 130 members joined, and £90 was subscribed to the Club Hut Fund. At the end of the year the membership had increased to 250, and the club hut subscription to nearly £300.

Since our association was started we have been instrumental in obtaining over 200 new members for the Swiss Alpine Club. There are now about 380 members of that club who live in Great Britain, and the large majority of them have joined our association.

An informal dinner was held on June 9th, 1910, at the Blenheim Restaurant. This was followed by a general meeting held at 23, Savile Row (by kind permission of the Alpine Club). Mr. Clinton Dent took the chair. Professor Roget and Mr. Henri Correvon attended as the representatives of the Swiss Alpine Club, and spoke. Resolutions were passed (1) protesting against the Matterhorn Railway; (2) calling on all alpinists to support the proposal to present a club hut from the British to the Swiss, and urging them to become members of the Swiss Alpine Club; (3) advocating winter meetings of members of the Swiss Alpine Club in London for the pur-

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pose of showing slides and photographs and promoting social intercourse; (4) and that an Annual Alpine Review be published when the committee think it feasible, containing translations of the best articles in foreign alpine journals and reference to articles in English alpine publications.

The annual meeting of the association for 1910 was held on December 1st, at the Holborn Restaurant, at which the officers and one third of the committee were elected. A full report of the speeches at the dinner which followed is annexed. The committee passed a resolution expressing their sincere regret at the loss they had sustained in the untimely death of the late C. D. Robertson, who was a member of our committee, and took great interest in our association and in the proposed club hut. A resolution of condolence was forwarded to his relatives.



# ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH MEMBERS OF SWISS ALPINE CLUB.

## ACCOUNTS FOR 1909 and 1910.

It will be noticed that whereas the subscriptions were only for the year 1910, the payments were for 1909 and 1910, and that the Life Membership Fund has been drawn on. It is hoped in future years, as the members increase, to keep a separate Life Membership account, and to replace some of the amount overdrawn. So far no expenses have been charged to the Club Hut Fund, although a considerable part of the payments were for that purpose.

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\* On May 12th, 1911, this Fund amounted to £550.

[Copy of Circular sent out.]

Association of British Members of S.A.C.

## SWISS ALPINE CLUB HUT FUND.

Treasurer: C. E. KING-CHURCH,  
Clive Lodge, Albury,  
Surrey.

Jan. 28th, 1911.

Dear Sir,

We enclose you overleaf a 3rd list of subscribers to the Club Hut which it is proposed to present to the Swiss Alpine Club as a token of British appreciation of their hospitality.

The total subscribed to date amounts to nearly £370, including £45 4s. promised by the members of the Ski Club of Great Britain (subject to approval of the site). At least £160 more is required. If the balance could be promised by the end of February next, the site could be settled on, and the hut commenced at once. Proposed sites are

(1) The Kleine Allalinhorn near Saas. This is suggested by Dr. Dübi, Editor of the Jahrbuch d. Schweizer Alpen-Club.

(2) The Mittel Aletsch Glacier; suggested by Colonel Repond; Ex-President of S.A.C.

(3) The Laquinthal (Simplon District); suggested by Mr. R. Hughes, D.C.L.

(4) On high level route from the Otemma Glacier to Zermatt; suggested by Professor Roget, as also useful for Ski runners.

The Swiss Alpine Club offered to defray half the cost, but it was felt that, whilst fully recognising their kindness and generous desire to expedite the installation of the Hut, it would not be a purely British gift unless the whole cost were defrayed by subscriptions raised in this country.

We therefore venture to appeal to all British climbers and lovers of the Alps to contribute to the fund, and enable the Hut to be built at once.

It is proposed to form a small committee representative of the various Climbing and Ski-ing Clubs, to examine and report on the proposed sites.

Trusting that the proposal will meet with your approval and support,

We are, Dear Sir, Yours faithfully,

C. T. DENT, *Pres. Association British Members of S.A.C.*

G. F. BRISTOL

H. WOOLLEY

O. K. WILLIAMSON, M.D.

WALTER LARDEN

CLAUDE WILSON, M.D.

H. ARCHER THOMSON (Ski Club Great Britain)

G. L. STEWART.

ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH MEMBERS S.A.C.

SWISS CLUB HUT FUND.

The following is our 4th list of subscriptions to the Club Hut to be given, by British subscribers, to the Swiss Alpine Club, as a token of friendship and appreciation of their kind hospitality. The *Treasurer, C.E. King-Church, Clive Lodge, Albury, Surrey*, will be glad to receive further subscriptions. The Central Committee of the Swiss Alpine Club have arranged to build the Hut on the Kleine Allalinhorn Saas Fee, and to name it in a manner that will show its origin. The estimated cost of a good Hut is £650, including furniture and equipment. It has been suggested that the names of subscribers might be placed in the Hut. A meeting of subscribers was held before the site was determined on. A complete list of subscribers will be published when the list is closed.

FOURTH SUBSCRIPTION LIST.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
P. Fletcher, 'AC.'	10	0	0	J. E. C. Eaton, 'AC.' (2nd don.)	2	0	0
H. G. Courtney	5	0	0	T. Ascroft Ellwood.	1	11	6
A. L. Mumm, 'AC.'	5	0	0	C. S. Ascherson	1	1	0
C. Scott Lindsey (2nd don.)	3	3	0	A. B. Challis	1	1	0
P. J. Unna, 'AC.'	3	3	0	G. Dimier	1	1	0
G. A. Hutchinson	3	0	0	Arnold V. Fitzherbert.	1	1	0
A. F. Brown	2	2	0	Sir H. G. Fordham	1	1	0
Sir Frank Crisp	2	2	0	R. H. Francis (2nd don.)	1	1	0
H. Foot, 'AC.'	2	2	0	L. R. Furneaux, 'AC.'	1	1	0
Gabriel Loppé, 'AC.'	2	2	0	J. M. Gover	1	1	0
W. Portch	2	2	0				

## FOURTH SUBSCRIPTION LIST—continued.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
A. Greaves . . . . .	1	1	0	P. C. Fletcher, 'AC.' . . . .	1	0	0
Prof. B. H. Hopkinson (Pre- sident Alpine Ski Club) . . . . .	1	1	0	K. G. Reid . . . . .	1	0	0
H. W. B. Joseph . . . . .	1	1	0	R. E. Thompson, 'AC.' . . . .	1	0	0
A. J. King . . . . .	1	1	0	Col. Clayton . . . . .	0	15	0
In Memoriam, 'L.R.S.' . . . . .	1	1	0	Dr. Colgate . . . . .	0	10	6
A. E. W. Mason (2nd don.), 'AC.' . . . . .	1	1	0	G. T. Ewen . . . . .	0	10	6
F. R. Mills . . . . .	1	1	0	E. E. Roberts, 'AC.' . . . .	0	10	6
R. M. Sebag Montifiore (2nd don.) . . . . .	1	1	0	H. Scott Tucker, 'AC.' . . . .	0	10	6
H. G. Morrish, 'AC.' . . . . .	1	1	0	R. Claude Ashby, 'AC.' . . . .	0	10	0
J. C. Muir, M.D. (2nd don.), 'AC.' . . . . .	1	1	0	Rev. C. Bainbridge Bell, 'AC.' . . . . .	0	10	0
E. B. Ormond (2nd don.) . . . . .	1	1	0	A. Burton, M.B. . . . .	0	10	0
H. R. Roger-Smith, 'AC.' . . . . .	1	1	0	E. Coddington . . . . .	0	10	0
W. Sedgwick, 'AC.' . . . . .	1	1	0	Miss M. Fox . . . . .	0	10	0
Charles Slater, M.B., 'AC.' . . . . .	1	1	0	J. H. McIntyre . . . . .	0	10	0
F. G. Salter . . . . .	1	1	0	E. B. Baumann . . . . .	0	7	6
W. S. Sharpe . . . . .	1	1	0	C. G. Blamhied . . . . .	0	5	6
Charles G. Steel (Sen.) . . . . .	1	1	0	T. R. Burnett . . . . .	0	5	6
E. W. Steeple . . . . .	1	1	0	J. Bowen Burrell . . . . .	0	5	0
C. J. Stewart . . . . .	1	1	0	J. C. Bull . . . . .	0	5	0
"    (2nd don.) . . . . .	1	1	0	E. F. Hawkins . . . . .	0	5	0
His Honour Judge Lindsey Smith . . . . .	1	1	0	Lieut. Minchinton (2nd don.)	0	5	0
C. H. Townley . . . . .	1	1	0	A. H. Sanders . . . . .	0	5	0
E. Wroughton . . . . .	1	1	0	L. J. Steele, 'AC.' . . . .	0	5	0
R. Bourdillon . . . . .	1	0	0	89	3	6	
L. M. E. Dent . . . . .	1	0	0	Previously acknowledged . . . . .	323	1	11
				£412	5	5	

Per Captain Farrar, D.S.O., and G. L. Stewart, in response to a circular  
kindly sent out by the Alpine Club—

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
M.S. . . . . .	25	0	0	Kennedy, Sir Alexander, F.R.S. . . . .	2	2	0
Basset, Alfred . . . . .	4	0	0	McAndrew, Alexr. . . . .	2	2	0
Valentine Richards, A. V.. . . .	3	3	0	Morrison-Bell, Major A.C., M.P. . . . .	2	2	0
Barran, Alfred . . . . .	2	2	0	Morse, G. H. . . . .	2	2	0
Drummond, James W. (2nd don.) . . . . .	2	2	0	Oliver, Edmund G. . . . .	2	2	0
Foa, Edgar . . . . .	2	2	0	Peech, S. B. . . . .	2	2	0
Gask, G. E. . . . .	2	2	0	Backhouse, Edward . . . . .	1	1	0
Gatty, Victor H. . . . .	2	2	0				

## Per Captain Farrar and G. L. Stewart—continued.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Bailey, Cyril	1	1	0	Osler, John A.	1	1	0
Bartleet, A. M.	1	1	0	Pilkington, L.	1	1	0
Belcher, H. N.	1	1	0	Reade, H. V.	1	1	0
Brigg, W. A.	1	1	0	Wherry, George	1	1	0
Cæsar, W. R.	1	1	0	Whitting, Arthur E.	1	1	0
Cockburn, Henry	1	1	0	Willink, H. G.	1	1	0
Corry, Captain J. B., D.S.O.	1	1	0	Worthington, W. B.	1	1	0
Corry, R. (2nd don.)	1	1	0	Barnett, C. F.	1	0	0
Davidson, Sir E., K.C.M.G.,				Millington, H. A.	1	0	0
C.B.	1	1	0	Roos, H.	1	0	0
Ellis, W. H.	1	1	0	Dubi, Dr. H.	0	16	0
Gait, J. C.	1	1	0	Beeching, H. A.	0	10	6
Gussfeldt, Dr. Paul	1	1	0	Morrish, R. S.	0	10	6
Kirkpatrick, Wm. T.	1	1	0	Thomson, J. M. Archer	0	10	6
Ling, W. N.	1	1	0	Compton, Rev. W. C.	0	10	0
Longstaff, Tom G.	1	1	0	Schliess, Dr. (Essen)	0	10	0
Mothersill, H. J.	1	1	0				
Muir, Wm.	1	1	0				
Newmarch, F.	1	1	0				
					£88	18	6
<b>GRAND TOTAL—</b>							
Collected by British Association of S.A.C.	412	5	5				
By Alpine Club, as in above list	88	18	6				
By Ski Club of Great Britain	53	8	6				
By J. J. Withers, collected from 10 members of the Alpine Club	100	0	0				
					£654	12	5

MEETING OF SUBSCRIBERS.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE

ON

PROPOSED SITE OF CLUB HUT.

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A meeting of the subscribers was held on May 15th, 1911, at 8 p.m., at 23, Savile Road, W., by kind permission of the Alpine Club, Mr. Clinton Dent in the chair.—Dr. H. L. Dent moved the adoption of the following report of the committee appointed to consider the question of the best site, and announced that £550 had been already subscribed.

The sub-committee appointed to examine the various sites suggested for the Swiss Alpine Club Hut beg to report:—

We recommend the Kleine Allalinhorn, suggested by Dr. Dubi, editor of the *Jahrbuch*. We feel no other site proposed fulfils so many absolutely necessary conditions, and the other sites suggested were ruled out of court because one or more essentials were wanting.

We submit the following points in its favour:—

(1) The following mountains can be ascended from it: (a) Allalinhorn (three different routes); (b) Rimpfischorn (two routes, which can be combined as a traverse); (c) Stralhorn,

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Egginerhorn and Mittaghorn. The following passes: Allalin Pass to Tasch Alp, Adler to Findelen and Zermatt, Weisssthor from Roffel or Rolhorn Pass to Macagananer.

(2) There are at present no S.A.C. huts in this district—the Mischabel was erected by Zurich University A.C.

(3) The local authorities wish it, and are prepared to give the site and to co-operate in the erection. They have already made a path, which will facilitate the building operations.

(4) The S.A.C. approve of this site, and have arranged, if we agree, that the Geneva section shall build it there. The Geneva section have consented.

(5) It is the position where it will be most used and seen by the English.

(6) A large number of the subscribers have written approving of this site.

(7) It will not only be useful for climbers, but also for ski-runners, and is indeed marked on the Speck-jost map and plan as the proposed site for such a hut. Professor Roget thinks it would be useful for this purpose.

(8) The Ski Club of Great Britain approve of the site, and have made various suggestions as to the establishment and conduct of the hut. These suggestions will be forwarded to the S.A.C.

H. L. R. DENT, G. L. STEWART, H. ARCHER THOMSON, J. A. B. BRUCE.	} <i>Sub- Committee.</i>
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## MEETING OF SUBSCRIBERS.

Mr. J. J. Withers seconded, and stated that he had a guarantee from ten members of the Alpine Club that the remaining £100 would be forthcoming.—Mr. J. A. B. Bruce, the honorary secretary, stated that a large number of letters had been received from subscribers in favour of this site, and quoted one from the Rt. Hon. James Bryce, our ambassador at Washington: "I am very glad to hear that the movement has been so well supported for the gift of the hut. I should like to be twenty years younger to climb up and look at the Saas Valley from it."—In answer to a question of Sir H. G. Fordham as to the size and construction of the hut, the Honorary Secretary stated that these details would be left to the Geneva Section, who had been authorised by the Central Committee of the S.A.C. to construct it.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Monsieur Henri Correvon then presented a Banner from the Geneva Section of the Swiss Alpine Club to their British colleagues.—Mr. Clinton Dent suitably acknowledged the gift.—Professor Roget, of Geneva, then gave a most interesting lecture on "Winter Climbs in the High Alps." This was illustrated by 48 lantern slides.



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SECOND  
ANNUAL DINNER,

HELD

December 1st, 1910,

AT

THE HOLBORN RESTAURANT.

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CLINTON DENT, Esq. (President),  
in the Chair.

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SPEAKERS:

CLINTON DENT, THE SWISS MINISTER,  
NORMAN COLLIE, F.R.S., W. P. HASKETT-  
SMITH, DR. H. L. DENT, H. ARCHER  
THOMSON, SIR T. CLIFFORD ALLBUTT,  
K.C.B., R. V. VERNON.

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The second annual dinner of the above was held at the Holborn Restaurant on December 1st, 1910. Nearly 100 were present.

A General Business Meeting was held previously, at which the officers were elected, and one third of the Committee.

The usual loyal toasts, and also the toast of 'The President of the Swiss Confederation,' having been duly honoured,

'THE SWISS ALPINE CLUB.'

The PRESIDENT (Mr. Clinton Dent): I think my first duty should be to thank the Association for the honour they have done me of electing me president of this Association for the ensuing year. Probably a great many present are unaware that they have done any-

thing of the kind. I should, perhaps, make the confession that I was not present at the meeting which performed that graceful act. It may have been business that kept me away, but I would rather that you ascribed it to modesty.

Next, I wish to read you a message which was placed in my hands just before dinner, to this effect: 'The members of the Geneva section of the Swiss Alpine Club send to their friends and comrades of the Swiss Alpine Club in England their best wishes and their best regards. We wish to let you know that we think of you all, and hope to see you all in our "local" as often as you are in Switzerland. We have at the beginning of February our annual dinner too, and we hope you will come to it. In the name of the committee, H. Correvon, president.' (Cheers.)

I think it will be the wish of all who are here to-night that the secretary should be asked to write a suitable reply to this kind and timely message. (Hear, hear.)

Next, gentlemen, I think a word is needed to explain why we meet here in diminished numbers this evening. Do not imagine for a moment that it is owing to any lack of prosperity in the Association. It is needless to say that that bogey, the General Election, is responsible for many absentees; indeed, to judge from the tone of some of the letters that have been received excusing presence here to-night, one might imagine that in the forthcoming Parliament a large number of members of

this Association will be, or at any rate propose to be, members of that annually elected body. (Laughter and cheers.)

There is another—I would not say a more important—reason why this gathering is not so large even as it was last year. By an unfortunate coincidence a friendly club, the Ski Club, has fixed its annual dinner for this evening. It is unfortunate, because many members of our Association are also members of that club. They find the proverbial difficulty of being in two places at once. Doubtless they would feel the physical difficulty of eating two dinners simultaneously, and this has adversely affected our numbers.

It was suggested to us that we might perhaps combine these two dinners. The committee thought that that would hardly meet the wishes of the Association, and that it would be really impossible to combine two dinners in that way. Much as we should have liked to meet our friends, it was thought better to have this a dinner of the Association proper even with truncated numbers. That sufficiently explains why there are not as many present as we had hoped at one time to see.

The virulent epidemic of politics which has swept over the whole land has had another effect. It has let loose a most inordinate flow of words, so that we are likely to be inundated and swamped in talk. I do not want by any lengthy speech to-night—I make this wholly superfluous excuse—or by any undue prolixity to raise the high water mark of verbiage to any

dangerous level, and you will pardon me, therefore, if I am somewhat brief. Pardon me? I feel convinced that you will rejoice at it.

Yet, only for a brief moment, I should like to look back at the history of the Association, and see how far we have prospered up to the present. I am not going to bore you with historical researches. I am reminded a little of a conversation which I overheard during the reading of a remarkably dull paper by a gentleman who had been to the north pole, or the south pole, or approximately one of the poles, or thought he had been to one of the poles. He read a paper entitled 'Two Years in the Ice,' or something of that sort. I heard a conversation to this effect in the gallery. The lecture began at half-past eight, and at ten o'clock one of two friends who had gone together woke the other one up, and said to him: 'This lecture is called "Two years in the Arctic," or "the Antarctic."' The other said: 'I know it is: why do you wake me up?' The answer was: 'My dear fellow, it is ten o'clock, and he has only been there a fortnight.' (Laughter.)

It is only eighteen months ago that some two and twenty gentlemen met together. They had an idea on their minds, and it is natural, therefore, and truly characteristic of the British nation that they met at a restaurant and had a dinner. The outcome of that dinner was the formation or the suggestion that this Association should be formed. The idea was

suggested to the Central Committee of the Swiss Alpine Club, and their reply was, as you know, that it was impossible under their rules and regulations to form a separate London or British section of the Swiss Alpine Club, but they would do all in their power to favour the combination of sections to which members here might belong, and that we could form such an association as this under the rules of the Swiss Alpine Club. That was the birth of the Association. The infant, as usual, was one of the finest babies ever born; they always are. Before long there followed the inaugural dinner. The number of twenty-two had expanded to something like one hundred and twenty.

The originators had an idea also, from the first, to collect money to present a club hut to the Swiss Alpine Club. There were about 120 members at that dinner, and the sum subscribed up to that date was £90. That dinner may represent the christening of the healthy infant. There followed a dinner—the club's history is marked along the grooves of time by dinners—an informal one this time, that is to say no one was worried to make speeches. It announced that the members had increased to 220, and that the Hut fund amounted to £220. And now, gentlemen, I am able to tell you that the membership has, I believe, reached over 250, and that the subscription for this club hut has reached £300 and a little more. £300! Only £200 more and up goes the club hut! Now, I hope that sum will be

forthcoming this evening. So that we have got through our infancy and childhood without eruptions, without disorders. We are growing up; we are able to walk, and I am afraid that I am an unhappy instance that we have learned to talk also.

Just one word about the club hut. When we had collected the sum of £250 or thereabouts the Central Committee of the Swiss Alpine Club suggested that, in accordance with what, I understand, is a common practice of theirs, they would supplement that amount to the requisite sum of £600, and that then we should have the hut erected at once. But it was thought that it would be very much better if we could raise the whole of this money in this country, and present this club hut as a purely British gift, as a token of good will and friendship to the Swiss Alpine Club. (Cheers.) I am glad you applaud that sentiment: carry it into practical effect! If you endorse the proposal, I am perfectly certain that the Central Committee will be happy to endorse your cheques and place them to that account.

Of course the actual site of this club hut will be a matter to be settled afterwards, but if we had accepted the proposal of the Central Committee I think we should have been bound to adopt any site that they might have recommended, though I have no shadow of doubt that they would have done their very best to consult our wishes in that respect. Still, I hope possibly before the next Alpine season

so-called, that we may see the hut actually in erection. If it is a purely British gift let it have some unique British features. What shall I suggest? Something quite unique. Let us see some arrangement, however primitive, for washing, not of pots and pans, but of the persons who occupy the hut. (Laughter and cheers.)

We meet, however, here not only to congratulate ourselves, this Association, on its prosperity, but to wish prosperity to our parent Association, the Swiss Alpine Club. In joining this Association we have identified ourselves with the Swiss Alpine Club, with its aims and with its objects, and I feel certain that we shall always subscribe loyally to maintain and further the objects which the Swiss Alpine Club has at heart. For, indeed, this Association is, as it were, a microcosm of that great organisation, the Swiss Alpine Club, a microcosm because our members belong to many different sections. Of course, in this club we have many climbing members, but it is not purely a climbing club; there are plenty of those. As time goes on we learn that we may go to the mountains with many different objects. We may go simply to climb; we may go to botanise; to geologise; to study physical geography; to seek our pleasure in the highlands, or amidst the softer, more delicate, but not the less attractive beauty of the lesser known, perhaps less luxurious (but none the worse on that account) Lowlands. We may even have sunk so far in degeneracy



that we go, as some apparently do, to the Alps for the purpose of playing golf or playing bridge. But whatever our object is in going there there is some peculiar, mysterious attraction which takes us back to that country of Switzerland. When we speak of the Alps most of us speak mainly of Switzerland; and whatever our object, this Association and all the members of the Swiss Alpine Club I feel certain have a great uniting bond—however they express it—they are united by an absolute love of the mountains. (Cheers.) It is good to have an Association such as this which brings together and unites by a common bond men of varied tastes. It is good to have an Association which closely unites men of different ages; the young, those who have approached that indeterminate period—at any rate with no well marked limit at its further end—which is called middle age, and also those who in the opinion of the young, and in the opinion of the young only, are considered to be old.

Gentlemen, we are honoured to-night by the presence of a very distinguished representative of the Swiss Alpine Club in the person of His Excellency the Swiss Minister, Dr. Gaston Carlin. It is an extreme pleasure to us to welcome him here at this our meeting, and to have him sitting among us. He has had large and varied experience in many capitals. I venture to hope that the office which he at present fills in this country—one that unites him to us in the happiest possible

way—and has filled since 1902, has not been the least pleasant of the many appointments that he has held. Distinguished in many walks of life, he appeals to us not only as a distinguished diplomatist and a man of letters, but more especially perhaps on this occasion as a genuine sportsman. Among his recreations I am given to understand on perfectly unimpeachable authority, he ranks climbing as one of the chief. We could not have welcomed here at our board any one better fitted to represent the Swiss Alpine Club; and it is with the greatest pleasure that, in proposing prosperity to the Swiss Alpine Club, I couple the toast with the name of His Excellency, Dr. Gaston Carlin. (Cheers.)

The toast, having been enthusiastically honoured,

[Free translation of the speech delivered in French, kindly translated by Mr. Walter Larden. The last sentence was delivered in English].

Mr. President, Gentlemen, and dear Colleagues of the Swiss Alpine Club!

I have the pleasure of being among you this evening in more than one capacity.

Although I could, if I chose, make myself intelligible to you in some halting fashion in the language of your great poet, Shakespeare, I am hardly sufficiently master of it to risk employing it in a regular 'speech.' Moreover, it seems to me that a few words spoken

in one or our national languages should not sound strange nor out of harmony in an audience of this kind and in the bosom of the Association of British members of the Swiss Alpine Club.

In my quality of Envoy of the Confederation to His Majesty the King, your August Sovereign, I desire before all to thank you cordially for the manner in which you have responded to the toast—'The President of the Swiss Confederation'—proposed by your distinguished chairman.

I am here also as a delegate and representative of the 'Central Committee' of the Swiss Alpine Club; of that famous dignified 'C.C.' which my friend, Professor Roget, of Geneva, described to you when he spoke last year at the inaugural banquet of your Association, as a body whose powers are very absolute and far reaching, and with which it is important to get on the best possible terms.

I know that that is precisely what you want to do; and that, as members of the Swiss Alpine Club, you intend to make a point of being amenable to its advice and of allowing yourselves to be directed by it. So I am able to assure you that this redoubtable 'C.C.' sets a high value to your Association, and has begged me to express to you its lively sympathy with the movement, and to convey to you warm greetings as well as best wishes for its development and prosperity. In fulfilling this mission I would wish at the same time to thank your chairman for the very friendly way

in which he has spoken of the Swiss Alpine Club.

If this club, which is essentially of a national character, desires to give a very warm welcome to the English who join it, this is because it never forgets what Switzerland owes to British visitors as regards the development of its hotels, the exploration of its mountains, and the advancement of both summer and winter Alpine sport. Nay, more, gentlemen. In showing itself especially hospitable with respect to the English, the Swiss Alpine Club feels certain that it is giving effect to the sentiments entertained by the whole Swiss nation. For in truth the English have from time immemorial enjoyed the most cordial regard of our nation, which attaches the greatest value to the ancient and traditional friendship that so happily exists between Switzerland and Great Britain. Switzerland knows well that in various crises of its history it has found in your powerful Empire a support that was all the more valuable because it was disinterested. When Switzerland in the nineteenth century, and even earlier than that, had need to defend its independence and its rights, it always had Great Britain at its side. There is a debt of gratitude which we never forget!

With respect to the practical advantages which each British climber secured by becoming a member of the Swiss Alpine Club, these were set forth last year by Professor Roget. I need not further refer to them; they are already known to you. Let it suffice to re-

mind you that it is only for the British climber, who is also a member of the Swiss Alpine Club, that this latter can secure in its huts that 'preferential treatment' which it wishes him to enjoy.

But there are other considerations, less directly utilitarian in bearing, which operate in favour of more intimate relations between Swiss and British Alpinists. Swiss and British are singularly suited to a mutual understanding, there is in them the same love of liberty and independence, and the same spirit of enterprise and perseverance animates them; so that either nation, to understand the other, has only to understand itself! And it is beyond dispute, too, that an Englishman, joining a Swiss National Club, will be in a better position to form an opinion on Swiss national life than he would be were he to remain as a foreigner having no links with the country.

Simply looking at the crowd of foreigners that visit Switzerland every year, and so often return for other visits, one would imagine our country to be one of the best known in the world. But this is not the case. Many visitors keep to their own particular hotels, and even there have intercourse only with their compatriots, or with tourists of other nationalities; they concern themselves little or not at all with the institutions, manners, and customs of the country in which they are sojourning. To this cause is due the view of Switzerland entertained by only too many,

that it is a nation of owners, managers and employes of hotels, of guides, porters and drivers. No view could, in fact, be further from the truth.

No, gentlemen! What has made Switzerland, in spite of the narrowness of the narrow confines of its territory, in spite of the relative unproductiveness of its soil, a country economically strong, one able to hold its own against rivals in the world's market, is the sobriety, unrightness, practical good sense, and enterprising spirit of her people. We have no sea port, no coal, no appreciable quantity of iron in our country, and, nevertheless, we export machines, and we have specialised in certain industries with such success that our exports, calculated, of course, per head of population, exceed those of any other country in the world.

There are other interesting points of note in Switzerland; how we, a people hemmed in by great military powers, have managed to maintain successfully our independence for more than six centuries; how we, with various races, various tongues and various creeds to be found within our borders, have yet been able to establish and maintain our unity as a nation; and, finally, how we have contrived to develop a democratic constitution to its last logical consequences without falling into the errors of demagoguery on the one hand, or socialism on the other.

I am telling you, then, gentlemen, that there is something else to see and to study in

Switzerland beside its mountains, its lakes, its glaciers; something else to learn than how to traverse its ice slopes or how to gain the summits of its precipitous peaks—or how to come down again, which is often just as difficult a matter! It is not that I would depreciate alpinism; on the contrary I am an enthusiastic alpinist myself. And here is revealed another capacity in which I am present among you to-night; that of the simple member of the Swiss Alpine Club. It is not difficult to become one; nevertheless I am content with my membership, and doubly so to-night, since I am thereby enabled to satisfy myself that your Association is prospering, and that it will, I am sure, find a way to help effectively the Swiss Alpine Club in its multifarious activities, while at the same time conferring appreciable advantages on its own members. And, apropos of this, I must not omit to congratulate you on the happy thought which has occurred to you of collecting a sum with the object of offering a club hut to the Swiss Alpine Club. I understand that you have, up to the present time, got together £300, the sum of £500 being needed.

The Swiss Alpine Club gratefully acknowledges this spontaneous generosity on your part, it sees, in this, unmistakable evidence of the interest which you take in it.

Your club hut, once erected, will be for every alpinist a monument of your devotion to the cause, and of your energy in furthering it. With respect to its future site, in spite

of the embarrassing wealth of choice, I feel sure that there will be no difficulty in coming to an agreement about one. For the present, what has to be done is to get the money together.

Finally, it would be ungrateful on my part not to refer here to your kindness in making me an honorary member of your Association. I appreciate much the kind feeling that prompted this, and I thank you with all my heart.

[The above was delivered in French. The following in English:—]

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen, and dear Colleagues of the Swiss Alpine Club, I thank you for the toasts of 'The President of the Swiss Confederation,' I thank you for the toast of 'The Swiss Alpine Club,' whose hearty greetings I am bringing you. And I drink to the everlasting prosperity of the Association of British members of the Swiss Alpine Club! (Loud cheers.)

### 'THE ALPINE CLUB AND KINDRED SOCIETIES.'

MR. W. P. HASKETT-SMITH: Mr. Chairman, Your Excellency, and Gentlemen. I have been asked to propose the toast of 'The Kindred Societies,' and I do so with the greatest pleasure. But I must admit that being here to-night as your appreciative guest I am rather like the gentleman described by



Tennyson, I think it was the Bold Sir Bedivere, when

‘ All his mind was clouded with a doubt.’

As I myself am a member of several of these kindred clubs, and if I were not a member of them I should probably not now be enjoying your hospitality, I have some doubt as to the propriety of myself drinking the toast which I am about to urge you to drink. It seems to me to be a difficulty so formidable that I shall not attempt to deal with it, but shall only trust to you to look the other way when it comes to the time for that pleasurable duty. There was a time when these kindred clubs were looked upon by the larger organisations with a certain amount of suspicion. It was thought they constituted so to speak a kind of counter-attraction; that they drew away from the allegiance of the older clubs. I think that idea has been now entirely exploded. People have begun to realise the true effect of one of these special clubs. When the club is started—let us call it ‘The Primrose Hill Peak-Baggers,’ or something of that sort—though it may have been formed with the express purpose of avoiding the dangerous occupation of climbing, and though the members begin by registering a vow that they will never go off the path, and will only climb the hill by recognised methods; yet sooner or later the more adventurous spirits break away and go on the grass; then they climb the hill by the wrong side.

From that they get on to executing dangerous variations, and at last the time comes when their ambition will be no longer held back, and the result is they decide to go to Switzerland and carry their career to its legitimate end. So it has been, and I think always will be that these clubs really increase the number of people who belong to the older and better known clubs.

People did not realise in those days the strength of the bond of which our chairman has spoken to-night, which unites all lovers of the hills and mountains, and ties them not only to each other, but to the original centre of climbing and mountaineering, which is the Alps. That tie has been expressed very well indeed, though perhaps unwittingly, by the poet in a single line which might be held to describe precisely the feeling that we all have towards each other and towards Switzerland, and that line is

‘ Where rose the mountains there to him  
were friends.’

I think that accounts for the warm feeling which exists between all these clubs.

Now it adds greatly to my pleasure in proposing this toast to be able to couple with it the name of one of my oldest friends, Dr. Collie. I am told that he is going to occupy himself especially in responding for the Alpine Club. But he can respond also for many other clubs—for a fine club which has carried the development, which has been

sketched by our president to-night with such felicity, still further, and has got on until it has actually reached its majority. Only recently I think the club has held festivities to mark the completion of twenty-one years since its inception. I am afraid I can remember that club when Dr. Collie was one of very few members, the only person who could be said to know much about the business, and now we all know the splendid efficiency it has attained. He has not only proved himself a worthy member of that club, but we may almost call him a maker of it.

Then he is also a member of various clubs in another hemisphere. I am told he is not only a shining light in various Canadian Clubs, but there are certain indigenous races there who gleefully accepted him as a blood brother, or whatever it is called. I have been told by an American that they were led away by the casual employment of a common phrase. A mountaineer in America is usually spoken of as a summit-scalper, and I believe that hearing that remark made about Dr. Collie's occupation, and, coupling it with his bloodthirsty expression, the indigenous tribes rushed to claim him as a brother under a poetic name of which he will tell you the exact form, but a rough translation is 'Walk-on-ceiling-same-as-floor.' (Laughter.)

I believe the second part of this response is to be devoted mainly to the Ski Clubs. I do not know very much about Ski Clubs, but I am told that a very large proportion—about 50

per cent. of the new members join for a particular reason; they enter Ski Clubs (though they prefer to call them Shee Clubs) because each one of them thinks he sees his way clear before him to making an original joke. It is not until he has paid his entrance fee that he is told that the joke has been made before, and is anathema to the other members of the club.

I do not know whether for that reason Mr. Archer Thomson joined the Ski Club. Until a few minutes ago I thought it likely, being under a misapprehension as to his identity. Not knowing that there was more than one Mr. Archer Thomson in the world, I jumped to the conclusion that it was another old friend of mine with whom I had had as jolly climbs as I have had with Dr. Collie, and, in the poverty of my imagination, I entirely relied upon telling you a story of the Mr. Archer Thomson who is not here. At first I was horribly flabbergasted by his absence, but I have come to the conclusion that possibly it might be a blessing in disguise, and, because, as the other Mr. Archer Thomson is not here, I might be safer in telling the story.

Some years ago I was with Mr. Archer Thomson in the Dolomites; the country was new to us both, and we were anxious to see how far it was adapted to guideless climbing. I may tell you in passing that we found it was exceedingly ill-adapted to that purpose. We found that a deviation of half-a-dozen feet was apt to lead the expedition to the brink of disaster in a remarkably short space of time,

and the successes we did meet with were due much more to luck than to good guidance.

However, on one occasion we were proposing to climb the Drei Zinnen. We started from the hut, and I soon noticed that my companion's mobile countenance was overcast with doubt and anxiety. I did not know whether to attribute it to the severity of the climb we were going to make, but it continued to hang over him like a cloud for several hours. It did not interfere with his climbing; he went as well as ever. When we were coming back in the afternoon we had to pass round the foot of the Little Zinne where there is a curious passage; the rock bulges out overhead, forming a kind of flat ceiling, which is about six feet from the ground, and in one or two places five feet ten inches. You are exceedingly apt to assume that it is six feet high all through, and when you come to the five feet ten inches place you receive a severe bump on the head. As we approached that spot I saw Mr. Archer Thomson looking more anxious than before. In due time I had the bump on my head, and, while I was rubbing it, he hastily ejaculated 'Ah! You were more Zinned against than Zinning.' (Laughter.) Then I realised the anxiety in which he had passed the whole day. He had been waiting all day for his chance, never feeling sure that it would come, and now he had got it. (Renewed laughter.) Well now, his brother has been waiting an unusual time for his chance, and he is about to get it. It is your.

chance also, and I will not keep you any longer from hearing Dr. Collie and Mr. Archer Thomson. I ask you to drink to the Alpine Club and Kindred Societies, and couple with the toast the names of those two gentlemen.

The toast, having been duly honoured,

PROFESSOR J. NORMAN COLLIE, replying, said: Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen. I feel that a somewhat responsible position has been put upon me in responding to the toast of the Alpine Club, the Alpine Club being, of course, the oldest climbing club that exists. Although it is the oldest club, and may have attained what is called respectable middle-age, yet, in spite of its middle-age, it is still a very vigorous club. It is vigorous in very many ways. First of all it has a very large number of enthusiastic older members who have been members for a long time, and at the same time it has a very large number of younger members. It is a club which is in a way the pioneer, and has been the prototype of all the other climbing clubs.

Although Mr. Haskett-Smith has hinted that it might have been jealous of younger clubs, I think he mis-stated the case. I do not think it ever was jealous of any other club, and, so far as I know, it never was in the least bit afraid that any other club would in any way do damage to it by becoming a club; in fact it is exactly the reverse. Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, and every new Alpine Club which is produced is, I hope, an imitation of the Alpine Club, because the

Alpine Club has always tried its best to keep in front of its members and everybody else an excellent example. It has tried to show the outside world that Switzerland especially is a place which is well worth going to, not merely for change of air, and as people do now, to play golf and bridge, but for something very much better, namely, to see the scenery, and, perhaps, climb the mountains.

These other clubs which have been formed since the Alpine Club will all, I hope, tread in its footsteps. Mr. Haskett-Smith mentioned the Scottish Mountaineering Club, and I think he made another mis-statement there when he said I was always associated with that club. That is not the case, because when it was first started I was not a member. I was climbing a great deal, and wandering about the Scottish mountains, and I was always with a man who was a member of the Scottish Mountaineering Club. He used to tell me: 'Yes, some time perhaps you will have climbed enough to become a member of the Scottish Mountaineering Club.'

Ultimately, I did become a member of that club, and I have become a member of several other clubs besides. But I have always found that whenever one goes to the mountains, and whenever one meets anybody, no matter whether he is a member of the Alpine Club or of any other of these mountaineering clubs, if he has a genuine love of the mountains, and has gone there because he likes the open air, and grand scenery, if he likes the wonderful

atmospheric and colour effects, and if he goes for these reasons, no matter whether he is a member of the Alpine Club or not, he is a very delightful companion.

There are many reasons why one may go to the Alps other than merely going up the mountains. Unfortunately, with regard to those people who, I presume, wish to belong to the Alpine Club, the qualification is somewhat high. That is to say, they must have climbed a large number of very high mountains. They must have been up at least a certain number of the important mountains in the Alps. But I do not think that that is at all a necessary thing. Most of the people that I know, who are connected with the mountains, or at any rate a very large number of them, are not members of the Alpine Club; they are members of other clubs, and they are members of clubs which belong, as I say, to the mountains.

As one grows older—certainly it is the case with me—I think one feels that getting to the tops of mountains is not the most important thing. The most important thing is going *to* the mountains, and not going up them. Go up them if you like; if you are young, enthusiastic, and strong, and able enough, go to the tops certainly, because then you will see the whole country laid out in front of you. But you will certainly find that you will get far finer effects, far finer views half-way or three-quarters up the mountains than you ever will get from the tops. (Hear, hear.) Person-



ally, I really care very little nowadays whether I go to the top of a mountain or whether I do not. But there is one thing I do care about, and that is going *to* the mountains.

In connection with Switzerland, I may say that it was there that people first of all got a real knowledge of the finest kind of mountain, namely the big mountains which are covered with ice and snow. It was in Switzerland that they learnt the mountain craft, that they learnt their mountaineering. One can learn rock craft elsewhere, but you cannot learn mountain craft elsewhere in its entirety. You must go to the big mountains to do it, and nowhere can you do it so well as you do it in Switzerland. There are people who will teach you that craft—they are the guides—and there you have the mountains and there you have the snow.

If one looks at all the various expeditions on all the different mountain ranges in the world, you will find that those that have been successful are those where the people engaged have learnt their mountain craft in Switzerland, and learnt it amongst the Alps. Whether you take the Himalayas, the Caucasus, Norway, or the Canadian Rockies, you will always find the same thing, and where you find people have not been to Switzerland and do not know their mountain craft, then they climb these big mountains in the way in which Dr. Cook climbed Mount McKinley. (Laughter.)

So I think we owe a very great debt indeed

to Switzerland. It is there that we have learnt these things, and there that we first learnt them. Although, as I say, one can go to other parts of the world and can learn different things, still I think that most of us will always look back upon the time that one spent in Switzerland as really the most important, the most delightful, and certainly the most educative part of our mountaineering career.

I will not take up more of your time. Perhaps I might conclude by bringing in a very old remark—at least I presume it is an old remark, as it is attributed to Lady Godiva when she was getting towards the end of her journey. She said: 'Thank goodness, I am getting near my clo'se.'

MR. H. ARCHER THOMSON, in reply, said: I feel it a great honour to be invited here this evening as a representative of the Ski Club of Great Britain, and to be called upon to reply on behalf of the club. With reference to what Mr. Haskett-Smith has just remarked, I would like to say at the outset that I do not feel called upon, or indeed qualified, to answer for any of my brother's malpractices in the Dolomites or elsewhere. The Ski Club of Great Britain is the oldest British Ski Club, having been formed about eight years ago. Of course, we are a mere stripling compared with the Alpine Club, or the Swiss Alpine Club. We number three hundred members of surpassing modesty. So modest are they that I think it probable that some people here present may know very little about

the club ; perhaps, misled by its title, they may think we disport ourselves slithering down slush on Wimbledon Common or Beachey Head. (Laughter.) The principal object of our club is to encourage ski-running among Britishers in every country in the world where the sport is possible. At the present time some of our members are in Switzerland enjoying the first winter snow-fall ; others are in Austria, Germany, Norway, Canada, the United States, Sweden, India, and Manchuria. Two of our members, Captain Scott and Lieutenant Campbell, sailed the day before yesterday from New Zealand for the South Pole. On reaching the Great Barrier, the expedition will divide into two : Captain Scott will take command of the larger and Lieutenant Campbell of the smaller. They are taking with them, in addition to ponies, Manchurian dogs and a motor sleigh, eighty trusty pairs of ski.

The objects of our club are thus defined : ' The encouragement of ski-running and all matters relating thereto ; the promotion of touring on ski both at home and abroad, including mountain and other expeditions, pioneer work and exploration ; the furtherance of technical skill on ski both in touring and jumping, and the holding, for this purpose, of tests and competitions ; the improvement of our knowledge of snow conditions ; the dissemination of information as to how, when and where to ski ; and the promotion of good fellowship among ski-runners in this and other countries.'

Ski-running, of course, is essentially a winter pursuit, and it is, perhaps, only natural that the earliest British converts were drawn more from the ranks of skaters who go to the Alps in winter, than of mountaineers who go there chiefly in summer. If we recognised in skating one of our parents, it may be that, at the outset at any rate, as sometimes happens in human relationships, we did not know our other parent. But as our ski led us onward and upward over the untrodden snow to the frozen summits, we communed with the spirit of the mountain, and quickly divined that our other parent was the mountaineer. I have a sort of intuition—which may be quite wrong—that the mountaineer at first viewed with some feeling akin to disfavour our intrusion into the sacred precincts of his home. That feeling is passing. We have claimed our parent, he has recognised his off-spring, and the off-spring has a right to his parent's home.

We welcome the opportunity which the presentation of this club hut affords for co-operation with mountaineers. I looked down the list of subscriptions, and found that out of £300 only £21 had been subscribed by members of the Ski Club of Great Britain, but that is because it has not been brought before them. It was mentioned in the summer that if you were to arrange that a site should be chosen which would make the hut useful to ski-runners in winter as well as to mountaineers in summer, you might well look for

subscriptions from them also, subject to these 'contingent guarantees.'

In a letter received last week from Mr. Bruce, and another one from Professor Roget, these 'contingent guarantees' have been forthcoming. The Ski Club of Great Britain accordingly authorised a circular to be issued to our members. It is only four days ago, and during those four days we have collected the modest sum of £20. The committee have authorised a contribution of £25 out of the club funds; adding the £21 you have already collected from us, that makes £66. It is not much, but it is better than nothing.

I have written informally to the secretary of the Scottish Ski Club, which is affiliated to us, and it is quite possible that a few subscriptions may come in from that quarter.

Then, in various centres in Switzerland, there are local British Ski Clubs which are affiliated to the S.C.G.B., like Grindelwald and Davos, and I see no reason why the matter should not be brought before them. Although their funds, I believe, are rather slender, they might contribute something.

In conclusion, Sir, our club feels that it has in the Alpine Club an excellent model. Following its example, we are imposing a skiing qualification for membership; but we do not intend to imitate it slavishly. We shall follow our own line of development as befits a new and independent sport—new at least to our countrymen. At the same time we feel that the Alpine Club's half century of ex-

perience and tradition provides us with a most valuable guide. We confidently ask climbers to take up the kindred sport of ski-running, and can promise them that they will find in it a sport, perhaps the only sport, that can hold a candle to their own.

(TOAST—‘THE VISITORS’).

DR. H. L. R. DENT:—I rise to propose the health of our friends, ‘The Visitors.’ It may seem strange to you, and possibly quixotic, that a doctor should get up to propose the health of anybody; always supposing that he has not conducted to that pleasant state of affairs by his advice, followed by suitable remuneration. But we like to see people in health sometimes. We like to see people who have no complaints to make either of their own insides or of the behaviour of their relatives! You will understand then that I am in the position of ‘regarding my profession with lordly unconcern’ (to quote the poet), and I can ask you heartily to drink the good health, the very good health, of our friends, the visitors.

Among the visitors to-night we have the Minister for Switzerland. He will forgive me for saying so, but the pleasure we derive from his attendance here to-night arises from the fact that he represents a country, the name of which is synonymous with happiness, health, and holidays—other men, men of a baser sort, have periods of quiescence which they call

'vacations,' a miserable term, signifying for the greater part emptiness and boredom. We mountaineers have holidays, real holy days, which are spent among the mountains (save for a recreant few, and others who feel the incidence of the super-tax), amongst those glorious hills from which cometh our strength, such as it is, both of wind and limb, and of mind and purpose.

Our visitor, by virtue of his office, recalls to our memory not so much the beautiful cities of his native land, Zurich, Geneva, Berne, Lucerne, Freiburg, but of their lovely back-grounds—their back-grounds of dazzling white against the blue. These back-grounds, like the music of Parsifal, or the Third Symphony, require knowing to be appreciated. Those back-grounds, whether we see them in our dreams or in a photo or in a picture, or in reality, suggest many things. We can translate those back-grounds into peaks, passes—each item I mention suggests other subdivisions where memory and knowledge go hand in hand—I say we can translate them into peaks, passes, glaciers (with their damnable moraines), shining snowfields, club huts (contributions thankfully received), the voice of many waters (not forgetting the avalanche and the cow bell), meadows thick with flowers, the smell of new-mown hay, and of the sun upon the conifers. Among all those we have spent, and shall hope to continue to spend, many glorious hours and most of our spare cash. Many lovely visions and recollections

are conjured up by the mere magic and glamour of the name of the country our guest so worthily represents.

Besides the distinguished Minister for Switzerland, we have here to-night with us Sir Clifford Allbutt. He is a leader of my profession, and is a man of many parts, distinguished both in science and philosophy, but to-night we welcome him more as a lover of mountains, and as a fellow-worshipper at our shrines and our glorious altars. He will play the part of Anthony to my very second-rate Brutus, as he has promised to answer to this toast.

We have also here Professor Collie. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society, the highest and most enviable distinction that can be won by any scientific man. Most men attain this when they have arrived at or have passed their climacteric—whatever that may be—it sounds well (laughter); he got this distinction at a very tender age, I understand.

You know Collie as well as I do, pretty well, from his books and his explorations in the Himalayas, the Lofoden Islands, and in the Canadian Rockies. Also his climbs in Switzerland are well known to us, both by his books and by the papers he has read at the Alpine Club. I believe there is a mountain in the Rockies named after him. If there is not, there ought to be. But all these claims to distinction sink into insignificance beside the fact that he was the author, or the manufacturer I might say, of a niche in the rocks on the north



side of Scawfell. It is called 'Collie's Foot-step,' and it will always be known as 'Collie's Foot-step.' I see that in time to come when we are all forgotten, Collie will be remembered; he will become a myth and will become like those gentlemen who have got foot-steps—Adam, Buddha, and another less reputable personage who possesses punch bowls, kitchens and cheese-rings, and various other oddments and remnants.

On the other side of Scawfell, there is a mountain called 'Great Gable.' At the foot of 'Great Gable' there is a pinnacle of rock which you all know as Nape's Needle. Now, Nape's Needle was first climbed by another distinguished visitor here, Mr. Haskett-Smith. You must remember this Nape's Needle, which many of you have climbed—I did not, because I did not like the look of it—was climbed by Mr. Haskett-Smith when there were no boot nail marks to show him the way, and no friendly rope to haul him up to the top. He climbed it alone. When I read of this splendid achievement in a book I saw that he had left his handkerchief at the top. I did not know why he had left his handkerchief at the top, but I found out the reason of that several years afterwards when I met Haskett-Smith, and spent a magnificent evening in the Felix Faure Hut. I then found out that Haskett-Smith was a story-teller, and doubtless he thought, knowing his reputation, that he had better make it quite certain that he had climbed to the top

of Nape's Needle by leaving his handkerchief.

We have various other men here to-night as visitors, all distinguished both in science and in sport. I need not enumerate their names, but they are all lovers of mountains anyhow, or else they would not be here.

Gentlemen, you will have this toast proposed in future years by no one who is more inexperienced in public speaking than I am, but I venture to say that you will never have a larger number of distinguished guests than we have here to-night, and I say this with the greater confidence because I hope that we shall never see them here as guests again; I hope they will disqualify themselves by becoming members of this Association, which we owe to the energy and perseverance of our friend, Bruce. (Cheers.) Gentlemen, I give you the toast of 'The Visitors,' and I couple with the toast the name of Sir Clifford Allbutt.

The toast, having been enthusiastically honoured,

SIR THOMAS CLIFFORD ALLBUTT, in reply, said: Mr. Chairman and Mr. Dent. Mr. Dent anticipated me, or perhaps I ought to say that my conscience was sufficiently sensitive to become painfully aware of the impropriety of my being here as a guest to-night and not a member. Some of us appear old only to those who are young, but I am afraid I can scarcely take that pleasant interpretation to myself. I fear that I must put myself down as really old. This is my sad alternative. And being really old, I felt, when I was in-

vited here, that at any rate for this once, I would venture to come as a guest, because I did not presume to expect that I had before me any fair prospect of enjoying the happiness of being a member of this Club, or of the Swiss Alpine Club.

The year before last I looked at two ancient axes hanging up in my dressing room, both of them with iron sleeves shrunk on in places where they had been sprung on certain, to me, memorable occasions, and recollected that when I had found that very delightful place for an old man, the Belvedere, on the Furka, whence, in three minutes, one can stroll out to a magnificent ice-field, fairly flat, with very few séracs and very few crevasses, and can stay there the whole day, in a mild elderly way, chopping steps up and down small hummocks, and when then I found, as I had found on another occasion about that time when asked to follow up a very mild fifty steps on a very moderate slope, that I wanted the steps bigger and bigger, and was not indisposed to take a hand when I had to cross my legs, I thought to myself: 'No, I will not take the axe again.' And so this summer and last summer, 'rude donatus,' I left it, in its slings, behind the door at home.

On this occasion I cannot help looking back and remembering a great deal about the early times of alpine climbing. It brings back reminiscences to me which I, perhaps, hesitate a little to dwell upon, or to speak of, lest they should savour of egotistic sentiments. Un-

fortunately, by a technical fault of my own, I am not an original member of the Alpine Club. But it was a matter of amiable controversy between myself and my old friend, Charles Mathews, whether he or I was at the first Alpine dinner. I need scarcely say that he declared that the first Alpine dinner took place in Birmingham; I no less naturally asserted that the first Alpine dinner took place at Cambridge. But on those occasions, which were within a few weeks of each other, the Alpine Club had not crystallised into life. On the Cambridge occasion many of us who were then undergraduates were very keen on mountaineering. My mountaineering had been, from the age of fourteen, a fairly active one in that still magnificent climbing ground, the lake country of England, which Mr. Haskett-Smith knows so well; and, rather fancying myself as a rock climber in those days, I was invited, apparently from my own appreciation of myself, to this Alpine dinner, although, in those days, I had never been in Switzerland.

The dinner was in Mr. Calmont's rooms; Leslie Stephen was there, E. S. Kennedy, Hardy, Hinchcliffe, Ellis, and some others; indeed a good show of the Alpine pioneers. I do not remember whether 'Peaks, Passes and Glaciers' had issued then from the press or not, but I do remember Hardy vividly giving us a foretaste of that book, namely—it will excite a smile now when I tell you—of a most terrible passage recently traversed by a small

but heroic band, namely, the passage of the Strahlegg.

It is a very true and remarkable process, that, by which mountains grow easier. I suppose they get smoothed out by tourists being dragged up and down them. You young men do not know how difficult these mountains were when we started on them in those days. The Strahlegg, when I went over it no long time afterwards, had become already a little smoother. But in those days I suppose our imaginations were screwed up very high, and we interpreted these peaks and passes in terms of awe, which would cause no little amusement were I to dwell upon them now. A strange, beautiful and homely thing is what our chairman spoke of as the mysterious attraction and bond of Switzerland, which has affected me also very deeply. I have never been an ambitious mountaineer, but I venture to think that, with the exception perhaps of our venerable friend, Sir Hermann Weber, I have spent more hours in the mountains of Switzerland than any other Englishman. Perhaps that is a strong thing to say, except in an after-dinner speech, but soon after the excitement of that Cambridge Alpine dinner, fired with enthusiasm, I started out in the following summer to Switzerland, and I have scarcely missed a summer since. I have had to go in summer to America some three or four times, but, with that exception, I have spent my Long Vacation systematically amongst the mountains of Central Europe

from that time to this, and my Easter holidays in that exquisite and adventurous country, the Lake country of England.

There is another change too, not merely that the mountains have got rubbed down and are very much smoother and easier to get over, but nowadays we find a good many people in Switzerland; huts, too, to sleep in; you young men are not accustomed to sleep in holes of the rocks. We had to try and sleep, or at any rate to caravan in such caves as best we could. You have not to spend £10 in taking three or four porters up with wood, with blankets and the rest which in those days made a peak a very expensive amusement. You have, now, not merely huts, but a good many bedfellows in those mountain inns. When in my small way I travel up now to these huts I find them occupied—I am not speaking of the lower animals—by a Babel of voyagers. In the days I am thinking of, when I and my beloved travelling companion of many summers in the Alps and of springs in the Lakes, T. S. Kennedy, and I were climbers together, Switzerland was, as Mr. Dent said, a matter of holy days—a hermitage, a lodge in the wilderness; a cloistered peace. I think at the Riffel we can scarcely say that now.

In those days our bills came to four shillings or five shillings for our dinner and night's lodging; a good deal of difference from the eighteen francs screwed out of us to-day. On the other hand we had to spend a great deal more in our preparations for the mountains,

so that, on the whole, perhaps, we climb for about the same money as we did then. But we regret, sadly regret, old Mr. and Mrs. Seiber at the Monte Rosa, Wellig, at the Eggishorn, and 'Baguette' at Couttets, and many other old hosts.

Chamounix was then still the classical ground of the mountaineer, but falling off because of that unfortunate rule, modified in favour of the members of the Alpine Club, of the rota of guides. This I cannot help thinking was the chief cause, at any rate, of the gradual recession of Chamounix from its high place for mountaineers. There everybody began, at the Mecca of climbers; though Grindelwald was already a lusty rival. It was in those days that that friend of many of us (even the younger of us, happily, for he is still enjoying vigorous and active life among us), I refer to Mr. Loppé, who in those days, as gay then as he is now, made everything so happy and delightful for us in our travels in that charming district. His anecdotes and his gaiety, his little amusing devices come back to one. Once when we had been up somewhere or other and had come down to that delightful last lunch, or last tea, before getting back to one's hotel, we were startled to see a mouse running first over the plate of one of us, and then over the plate of another. In the little alarm and diversion which this created, an old guide (whose name I will not mention, lest anyone should remember him), a greedy old fellow, while we were engaged in

watching the mouse, which was a mouse in effigy manipulated by Loppé at the end of a long horse-hair, seized the opportunity to bolt the last hard boiled egg. Providentially that last hard boiled egg, put into his mouth as a whole, proved to be a very bad one, and with splutterings and disgust he disgorged his spoil to the enormous delight of young Ulrich Almer, whose untimely merriment, punctuated by his father's cuffings, broke out every few minutes for the next half hour. But forgive me, these small jokes go a long way in the mountains, and these little scenes come back, almost with a tear.

I must not detain you longer, unless with a word about the winter of the Alps. I was saying that in our early days the summer Alps were a cloistered peace, a hermitage in the wilderness. The winter Alps were absolutely unknown. Once after making some climbs with Hans Grass at Pontresina, he said: I wonder you English do not come here in winter. You cannot imagine the glory and magnificence of these mountains in winter, and yet, so far as I know, there is only one Englishman, Mr. Strethill, who stays out here in winter, at St. Moritz (he was the first person I believe to take the mountain cure for consumption). This conversation impressed me so much that soon after I went out myself in winter. But until 1874 or 1875 I think the attractions of winter in the Alps were practically unknown; and 'Dr.' (then) Weber and I were the first to proclaim in England the



curative virtues of the winter Alps for the cure of consumption.

I thank you very kindly indeed on behalf of all the guests for the very cordial way in which you have drunk our health, and for the delightful evening you have given to us.

‘ THE PRESIDENT. ’

MR. R. V. VERNON : I shall not detain you more than a very few moments in proposing the toast which has been assigned to me. I think that the success which this Association has enjoyed, and which we all hope and believe it will continue to enjoy, may be ascribed to three things—to the excellence of the objects which it was formed to meet, to the ceaseless activity of its secretaries, and to its president. I need not enlarge on our objects, and I think that anyone who had the privilege of being in Switzerland this year must have been pleased and gratified to find how thoroughly they are appreciated by all our Swiss colleagues in that country.

With regard to the ceaseless activity of the secretaries, I need say nothing. (Hear, hear.) It is familiar to us all. A striking result appears in the happy state of the subscription list towards the club hut.

With regard to the president, I feel in a difficulty. My sentiments are something like those of a very small third form boy when he is trying to propose the health of the headmaster, or a very junior Member of Parliament who is proposing the health of the Prime

Minister. I feel that it is impertinence for me to praise him, because praise is only valuable when it comes from a sufficiently qualified person.

Mr. Clinton Dent is known to us all in a number of capacities, but he is known to us perhaps first of all as one of the great pioneers of the Alps. He is known to us also as one whose writings have helped to invest the Alps with that literary charm which is one of their greatest attractions, and he is perhaps known to us in an even greater capacity as the prophet who disappeared up the mountain into the cloud and came down again with the tables of the law which are to be found written in the chapters of the Badminton.

If Mr. Clinton Dent had given nothing to this society beyond his name as president, we should have owed him a great debt of gratitude, for that alone would have been sufficient to rally to its support practically all English climbers, and it would have also been sufficient to ensure it in Switzerland and on the Continent the cordial reception which our Association has enjoyed. But he has given to us very much more than that. (Cheers.) He has given us not only his name, but he has given this Association his constant support and help. He has given us the privilege of listening at both our annual dinners, and I hope he will give it to us at a great many more, to his delightful speeches. Though it is trenching on secrets of which I have no personal know-

ledge, I am in a position to say that he has given to the committee not only the hospitality of his house, but also his constant help, advice, and assistance in all the work that has been before them.

It is with the greatest pleasure that I ask you to drink the toast of 'The President.'

The toast, having been warmly received, the PRESIDENT, in reply, said: Gentlemen. At this late hour, and on this particular subject you will not expect me to speak at any length.

I have to thank you for the way in which you have received the toast. The position of president of this Association I can assure you is, to a large extent, a sinecure; it is always so when you have the right men as secretaries, and those we emphatically have. (Cheers.)

I feel that on the present occasion, and, considering that, as far as I can gather, we are approaching the hour at which this restaurant may be compelled to close, I may now, in the name of the secretaries and the treasurer—and the more work you give the treasurer the better we shall all be pleased—and committee thank you most heartily for your reception this evening.



# ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH MEMBERS OF THE SWISS ALPINE CLUB.

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## RULES.

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### 1. NAME.

The name of the Association shall be 'The Association of British Members of the Swiss Alpine Club.'

### 2. OBJECTS.

- (a) To encourage British Alpinists to support the Swiss Alpine Club in all its work, by becoming members of a section of that body.
- (b) To collect funds and present to the S. A. C. a club hut, and for such other purposes as the Association may from time to time determine.
- (c) To form a body able to present a collective opinion to the S. A. C. on any question of Alpine interest.
- (d) To promote among British members the sociability which is so conspicuous a feature of the Swiss sections, but from which we are necessarily debarred by living at a distance from the headquarters of our sections.

### 3. CONSTITUTION.

- (a) **Officers.**—President,  
Vice-President,  
Two Hon. Secretaries,  
Hon. Treasurer,  
Hon. Auditor, } To be elected annually  
in December.

**Members.**—1. Ordinary. The qualification for ordinary membership shall be 'membership of the S. A. C.' 2. Honorary. To be elected at the discretion of the Committee.

#### **4. SUBSCRIPTION.**

The Annual Subscription to the Association shall be 5/- per annum, payable at election. The payment of £2 2s. shall be considered as equivalent to the annual payment of 5/-.

Annual subscriptions shall be due on 1st January of each year, and any member whose subscription shall not have been paid on or before 1st April shall cease to be a member of the Association, but may be reinstated on payment of arrears, at the discretion of the Committee. Any member joining after the 1st November shall not be required to pay his subscription for the ensuing year.

#### **5. GENERAL MEETINGS.**

There shall be at least two General Meetings in the year, viz., The Annual General Meeting and a dinner in December, a more informal meeting in June, and such winter meetings as the Committee may think fit.

#### **6. POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE.**

- (a) The Committee may by a two-third majority of those present, call upon any member to resign if they consider his conduct to be incompatible with Membership of the Association, but such member shall have the right of appeal to the next general, or special general meeting, which shall have the power of confirming, or annulling, by a two-third majority, the decision of the Committee.
- (b) The Committee, on the requisition of 12 members, may call, at any time, a Special General Meeting, provided that *seven* clear days' notice shall be given to all members of such a Special General Meeting, together with full information as to the place, time and business to be transacted.
- (c) The Committee shall have the power to submit any new proposal affecting the Association to a General or Special General Meeting of the members of the Association.

#### **7. COMMITTEE.**

The Committee shall consist of ex-officio members and ordinary members.

- (a) The ex-officio members shall be the officers of the Association for the time being.
- (b) The ordinary members of the Committee shall be 12 in number ; and shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Association ; one-third of these shall retire annually and shall only be eligible for re-election after one year has elapsed. The Committee may co-opt not more than three additional members, one of whom must retire yearly ; the mode of election and the manner of retirement to rest with the Committee. Five members shall constitute a quorum.

The Committee may suggest names for Officers and Committee, but this is not to be taken as precluding any two members from nominating candidates, whose consent, however, must be previously obtained.

At least three weeks' notice of the Annual Meeting shall be given to every member ; and nominations for officers and Committee must be sent in to the secretaries at least ten days before the Annual Meeting. In the event of more candidates being nominated than there are vacancies the election shall be by ballot.

## **8. ACCOUNTS.**

The accounts of the Association shall be audited in January and presented by the Treasurer at the next General Meeting of the Club, and shall be published with the Annual Report.

## **9. CASUAL VACANCIES.**

The Committee shall have power to fill up casual vacancies amongst the Officers or Committee ; and those chosen shall serve for the unexpired period of office to which the member whom they succeed was entitled.

## **10. ROOM FOR MEETINGS.**

The Committee shall have power to hire premises for the purposes of the Association.

## **11. AN ANNUAL REVIEW.**

The Committee shall have power to publish an Annual Review and appoint an Editor when they think the funds of the Club will permit.

## **12. ALTERATION OF RULES.**

A General Meeting shall have power, by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting to alter or add to the existing rules of the Club.

### 13. REGULATIONS.

The Committee shall have power to make such regulations, not being inconsistent with these rules, as they think to be for the well-being of the Club.

### 14. THE CHAIRMAN.

The Chairman whether at a General Meeting or at a Meeting of the Committee shall in case of an equality of votes have a second or casting vote.

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## SWISS ALPINE CLUB.

Anyone wishing to become a member of the above, should apply to one of the Hon. Secs. of the Association of British Members of the S.A.C. He should state whether he wishes to join a French or German speaking section. The subscription varies slightly in different sections. It is usually 14/- a year, and 8/- entrance fee. Members obtain reductions on certain Swiss railways (e.g., half-price on Zermatt Railway), a right of entry at the Club Huts, instead of being there on sufferance, a monthly magazine in French, or the Jahrbüh in German, etc. If, in addition, he wishes to belong to our Association in England, the extra subscription is only 5s. a year, or £2 2s. for life.

J. A. B. BRUCE, *Hon. Sec.*, Selborne Lodge, Guildford.



# HOW TO BELONG TO SWISS ALPINE CLUB.

Those who do not yet belong to the Swiss Alpine Club and desire to do so, can be put up at once, even if they do not wish to belong to our Association. They should write to the Honorary Secretary, J. A. B. Bruce, Selborne Lodge, Guildford, and state whether they wish to join a French, German, or Italian speaking section. The subscription varies slightly in the various sections, but is not more than 17½ francs a year (14/-), and 10 francs (8/-), entrance fee. The Association can arrange to pay the subscriptions to the S.A.C. yearly. If 22/- (the first year's subscription and entrance fee) is sent the candidate can be elected at once. If he wishes to obtain the full advantages of membership he should also enclose a small photograph of himself, which will be sent out to Switzerland to be signed and returned on his card of membership. If, in addition, he wishes to belong to our Association in England, the subscription is only 5/- a year, or £2 2s. for life.

## ADVANTAGES OF BELONGING TO THE SWISS ALPINE CLUB.

Members of the Club obtain reductions on certain Swiss Railways (e.g., half-price on Zermatt Railway); half-price at certain Huts; a RIGHT of entry at the Club Huts, instead of being there on SUFFERANCE; a fortnightly paper and monthly magazine in a French section free; the Jahrbük, a well-illustrated Annual, half-price, and other advantages. In a German speaking section the Jahrbük is free, but the Echo des Alpes is extra.

A good feeling is created amongst the Swiss when they see British climbers, who use their Huts, contributing to their support by becoming members of the S.A.C.

## INSURANCE OF GUIDES.

The S.A.C. contributes one half the cost of insurance, if the guide pays the other half.

LIST OF MEMBERS  
OF THE  
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SWISS ALPINE CLUB,  
1911.

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\* Indicates Life Member ; *Italics*, Hon. Member ; '*AC.*,' Alpine Club.

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