THE ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH MEMBERS

SWISS ALPINE CLUB.

(ESTABLISHED 1909).

A. E. W. MASON.

Vice-Presidents:

DR. O. K. WILLIAMSON. COLONEL RODICK. H. G. PULLING. J. A. B. BRUCE. DR H. L. R. DENT. G. DIMIER.

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Association of British Members of Swiss Alpine Club.

1921

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ASSOCIATION CLUB ROOMS, 436, STRAND. W.C.

ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH MEMBERS

OF THE

SWISS ALPINE CLUB.

The Annual Report, Accounts & Balance Sheet for 1920.

Photographs of those who have been killed in the War have been placed in our Club Room.

The Geneva Section proposes, after the War, to erect a bronze memorial to the British Members of the Swiss Alpine Club who have fallen. Our Association also propose to crect a memorial in our Club Room.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

A list of the members who served in H.M. Forces during the War will be placed in the Club Room.

MEMBERS.

Thirty-two new members have joined during the past year. It is hoped that members will make every effort to secure *new candidates* for the S.A.C. and the Association.

Of these, 168 are Life Members, 16 Honorary Members and 216 Ordinary Members. We regret to announce the death of four of our members during the year, and three in January, 1921, viz. : A. McAndrew, A. G. Snelgrove, H. Woolley (Ex-President of Alpine Club), C. Gardner (portrait and obituary notice included in Report), G. Morrish (1921), F. W. Bourdillon (1921), and H. Fortlage (1921).

MR. C. GARDNER.

We regret to record the death of Mr. C. Gardner (Geneva Section) who was drowned in a heroic attempt to save the life of a Boy Scout and member of the Church Lads' Brigade, at Mudford, Hants. Our late member was born March 3rd, 1880. He was educated at Orley Farm School (then under the late E. R. Hastings) and afterwards at Harrow School, 1893, becoming a monitor before he left. In October, 1899, he entered Kings, Cambridge, where he graduated in Classical Honours in 1906. He then entered his father's firm on the Stock Exchange, becoming a partner. He spent almost all his spare time for 20 years working at the organization of the Church Lads' Brigade, of which he was Cadet Major. He was a great lover of Switzerland, and took charming photographs of all parts. We were privileged to have these shown to us by his brother, who accompanied him on his climbs, at one of our meet-During the War he obtained a Commission in the Royal ings. Marine Artillery, and became Assistant Musketry Instructor at Eastney Barracks. A portrait from a photograph, by W. Goshawk, is included in the Report.

PROGRESS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

June,	1909		Members	26	
Dec. 31st,	1909	• • • • • • • • • •	,,	120	
,,	1910		,,	250	
,,	1911		,,	330	
,,	1912		,,	386	
,,	1913		,,	426	
,,	1914		,,	451	(War)
• •	1915		,,	440	;,
,,	1916		· · ·	423	,,
,,	1917		,,	410	,,
,,	1918		,,	408	,,
,,	1919		,,	391	
,,	1920		""	400	



C. GARDNER,

SUMMER HOLIDAYS.

Thanks to the increased facilities for foreign travel, several members of the Association were climbing in the French, Swiss and Italian Alps last summer.

SWISS ALPINE CLUB.

The Hon. Treasurer has continued to collect on behalf of most of the Sections which contain British Members the Annual Subscriptions for 1920. The total sum so collected for 1920 amounted to £365 2s. 11d. in small sums for 11 Sections.

TOTAL SUBSCRIPTIONS RAISED BY THE ASSOCIATION.

	£	s.	d.
Club Hut Britannia	830	1	6
Clinton Dent Memorial	73	5	0
Belgian Relief Fund	61	8	
Swiss Guides Relief Fund	367	1	7
Visits of Relatives to Prisoners			
of War in Switzerland	117	10	6
Total \pounds	1449	$\overline{7}$	1

CLUB ROOMS AND LIBRARY.

The Club Room is at Gatti's, 436, Strand, W.C. (2nd floor), and affords a meeting place for members.

Dr. H. L. R. Dent kindly presents the current number of the Alpine Journal.

A catalogue of the Library will be found in the Club Room.

Monthly Dinners are held there on the 4th Wednesday in each month at 7.30. In April, however, the Dinner will be on *Tuesday*, 26th, in the Adelaide Gallery. Ladies may be asked as guests on this date, and a Cinema of climbing in the Alps will be shown after dinner. Gifts of Books for the Library will be gratefully received by the Hon. Librarian, C. T. Lehmann, Old Manor House, Gunnersbury Lane, W.

The Geneva Section has contributed £20 towards the expenses of the Association so that Members of the S.A.C. resident in this country may obtain, out of the subscriptions paid by them, some of the advantages which their Swiss colleagues enjoy, but from which we are debarred by living in this country.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The President, Vice-Presidents, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Secretaries, Hon. Librarian, Hon. Auditor and Hon. Solicitor for the ensuing year were elected at the Annual Meeting on November 26th (for names see inside cover). The name of G. Dimier was added to the list of Vice-Presidents.

THE COMMITTEE.

The following retired from the Committee in accordance with Rule 7b:-A. Barnes, Rev. G. Bell, Rev. J. Pearce and Sir Leonard Powell.

The following have been elected in their place :--Dr. Roger Smith, J. Y. Dent, N. S. Finzi and H: Scott Tucker.

Eight Committee Meetings were held during the year.

FINANCE.

The accounts have been audited by Mr. R. Graham, the Hon. Auditor. There is an accumulated balance of Revenue of £124 3s. 7d. The Life Membership Reserve Fund stands at £250, invested in War Loan in the names of J. A. B. Bruce and W. M. Roberts as Trustees. For further particulars see the Balance Sheet at the end of the Report.

NEW SUBSCRIPTION 10 -.

In consequence of increased cost of printing, postage, etc., the subscription to Association has been raised from 5 - to 10/- a year, but for old members this increase is optional.

DINNERS.

THE ANNUAL SUMMER DINNER was held on June 23rd, and was a great success. Ladies were invited, and slides shown afterwards. The President, A. E. W. Mason, was in the chair, and the guest of the evening was His Honour Judge Parry, who delighted the company with a clever and witty speech. About 80 members were present.

The Annual Winter Dinner was held on Nov. 23rd, 1920, at the Adelaide Gallery (Gatti's Restaurant, 436, Strand): over 90 were present. The guests of the evening were Viscount Bryce, O.M., Lord Sterndale, Dr. Norman Collie (President of the Alpine Club), His Excellency the Swiss Minister, and Mr. G. Winthrop Young. A report of the speeches made is annexed.

The Annual General Meeting was held on Nov. 23rd for the election of Officers and one-third of the Committee. This was followed by the Annual Winter Dinner.

MONTHLY DINNERS IN 1921.

These will be held on the 4th Wednesday in each month (except July, August and December), at 7.30 p.m. at Gatti's Restaurant, 436, Strand, W.C. Notice will always be given when ladies may be invited. Members wishing to dine should communicate with the Hon. Secretary, 34, Great Ormond Street, W.C.1 as early as possible, together with the number of guests, if any.

The price of the dinners is collected at the table.

Committee Meetings are held half an hour before each dinner.

The Annual Winter Dinner for 1921 will be held in November.

		DATES 1	N 1921.	
January	26th.	April	26th (a	(Tuesday)
February	23rd.	May	25tlı.	September 28th.
March	23rd.	June	22nd.	October 26th.

i.c. the 4th Wednesday in each month, at 7-30 p.m.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS IN SWITZERLAND, 1921.

We hope to arrange a Summer Dinner, combined with a visit to Cabane Brittania at Saas Fee. during the month of August, 1921. This Dinner was arranged to take place in 1914, but owing to the war had to be postponed. Further particulars will be announced in due course.

Anyone desiring to make up parties for climbing this summer is requested to communicate with the Hon. Secretaries, who will keep a list.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY EXPEDITION TO SPITSBERGEN.

For particulars see back of the cover of this Report. Contributions towards the cost of the Expedition should be sent to F. G. Binney, Merton College, Oxford.

1920. LIFE MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT.

Balance			d. 3	To Revenue Account			d. 3
Twenty-four Members, 1920			-	Balance			
	£272	17	3		£272	17	3

BALANCE SHEET, Year ending December 31st, 1920.

LIABILITIES.	£	s.	d.
Life Membership	250	0	0
Revenue			
S.A.C	I	I 2	7



5th January, 1921.

Audited and found correct,

R. GRAHAM, Hon. Auditor.

The above Accounts audited by Reginald Graham, were presented at the January Meeting. The bookcase, books, banner, model of Club hut, etc., are valued at over £100, but are not included in the assets. Nothing was taken to Revenue Account from Life Membership Account, 1914 to 1917.

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ACCOUNTS TO DECEMBER 31st, 1920. Association of British Members of Swiss Alpine Club.

RECEIPTS TO DECEMBER 31st, 1920.

Subscriptions Collected for Sections of S.A.C.	Section of S.A.C. £ s. d. 365 2 11	Association. £ s. d.	Total. £ s. d. 265 - 2 11
Subscriptions of Members of Association-222 at 5/-		55 10 0	55 10 0
Life Members (24)		50 8 0	50 8 0
Donation from Geneva Section towards Expenses of Association		20 0 0	20 - 0 = 0
Dividends on War Loan (net)		9 15 10	9 15 10
Miscellaneous	••	0 11 4	0 11 4
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Balance from 1919 Do, Service Dinner	2 19 10 	139-16 - 6 - 6 18 - 6	112 16 4 6 18 6
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PAYMENTS TO DECEMBER 31st, 1920.

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Transferred to Life Membership Account	Sections of S.A.C. £ s. d.	Акsociation. £ н. d. 27-10-9	Total. £ s. d. 27 10 9
Subscriptions paid over to S.A.C.	366 10 2		366 10 2
Dinners to Service Members-Printing		6 18 6	6 18 6
Reporters		8 8 0	8 8 0
Hire of Lantern		200	2 0 0
Dinner-Gatti's-Guest		2 6 2	3 6 2
Printing		67 8 5	67 8 6
Clorical Assistance		4 2 0	4 2 0
Books for Library and Bookcase		16 14 8	16 14 8
Stamps, &c		81 8 10	81 8 10
Stationery		597	597
Miscellaneous		2 0 1	2 0 1
	866 10 2	158 16 7	525 6 1
Balance, representing Accumulated Balances of Income over Expenditure, from 1909 to December 31st, 1920	1 12 7	124 8 7	125 16
	368 2 9	283 0 2	651 2 1

THE

ANNUAL DINNER

OF THE

ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH MEMBERS

OF

THE SWISS ALPINE CLUB.

This was held on Nov. 23rd. 1920. at the Adelaide Gallery, Gatti's, Strand, W.C. Mr. A. E. W. Mason. President of the Association, was in the chair. Amongst those present were Viscount Bryce, O.M., Lord Sterndale, His Excellency the Swiss Minister. Professor Norman Collie (President of the Alpine Club). Mr. G. F. Winthrop Young, Sir John Brunner, Bart., Sir Lindsey Smith, General Hon, C. G. Bruce, Colonel Michell, Colonel Rodick, F. N. Ellis, Dr. H. L. R. Dent, Gerald Steel, C.B., Dr. O. K. Williamson, G. Dimier, Gerald Pinsent, F. W. Hirst, H. G. Pulling, A. N. Andrews (Hon, Sec.), N. E. Odell (Hon, Sec.), C. T. Lehmann (Hon, Librarian), Col. Rodick, W. Adams, J. A. B. Bruce (Hon, Treasurer), etc.

Over ninety were present.

THE SWISS CONFEDERATION.

After the usual loyal toast the Chairman called upon an old friend of the Club, and a friend of mountaineers—the Right Hox, Viscouxt BRYCE,

VISCOUNT BANCE, who received a most enthusiastic reception, said it was a very great honour as well as a very great pleasure to be asked to propose the toast of the "Swiss Confederation" (cheers), and he coupled with it the name of his distinguished friend, his Excellency the Ambassador (loud cheers). He had perhaps come at some personal inconvenience, and his presence therefore was all the more welcome, because those who enjoyed his acquaintance knew how wisely be represented his country.

and how eminently fitted he was to bear the responsibilities of the representation of his country (hear, hear). Switzerland in all its aspects was dear to all present, it was dear to those of them who were climbers, for it was associated with the happiest hours of their lives (hear, hear). There was nothing more entrancing, and he might add health giving, than to climb the beautiful Swiss heights, and there was nothing else which could give so deep a draught of the finest pleasures-pleasures which endure. We were associated with the charm and the beauty of nature and we found it somewhere in the mountains (hear, hear). And when the time came when the medical adviser warned them they were not quite so strong and so vigorous as they were thirty-five years ago, they could enjoy the delightful recollections of youth and of nature as they saw it in their youth (hear, hear). And when the time does come we shall have another pleasure in Switzerland (cheers). There, stretched out before the traveller, was the panorama presented by the lakes, and the cities at the end of the lakes, where bright rivers run out, in intensity of pure colour and beauty unequalled anywhere else in the world (hear, hear). The visits of Englishmen to Switzerland during the war were naturally greatly restricted. but he hoped their opportunities of recreation there would be made easier by the reduction, if not the removal altogether, of those restrictions which France and to some extent the Confederation also, had imposed upon arriving and departing travellers. He would respectfully suggest to his Excellency that it would greatly facilitate matters if the head of the Swiss Alpine Club and the President of the British Alpine Club and of this Club and their secretaries were to have, under the supervision of the Legation, the right to issue to their own members and vise passports (hear, hear). It would save much trouble to the Swiss Legation, and the members here would be prepared to answer as to whom and to what Club they were being issued (hear, hear). Need he say that if there was anything which inspired men to the highest ideal, which uplifted their moral nature, inspired sentiments of honour and and justice it was Alpine climbing, so at least they liked to believe (hear, hear). It was, therefore, with perfect confidence that he expressed the hope that all responsibilities in the matter of passports, any duties undertaken would be willingly discharged by these Presidents, and the travellers would not abuse the privileges allowed (hear, hear).

When the members of the Club resumed their travels in Switzerland they would remember the number of interesting things, besides peaks and glaciers, which could be found in Switzerland. He loved the cities of Switzerland almost as much as he loved the mountains. Where could they find more pleasant spots where nature and history had attuned their charms to the pleasures of men. Where for instance could be found cities more beautiful than Lucerne, or Berne or Geneva, a city whose history is one of the most interesting in Europe. He was surprised that an Englishman had not set himself the task of writing the history of Geneva and Berne from the 13th century onwards. Of late years he had resorted twice to Switzerland to study the working of the Government of the Confederation, and he could assure those present that it was just as interesting as the study of glacier movement had been in the days of Saussure and Agassiz. Switzerland was a most extraordinary country. It was exempt from most of those faults, failings and abuses which other countries, and even free countries elsewhere, have had to suffer from. Anvone who knew what politics had become in the great countries of modern times, great free countries like America. France and England. knew how many disappointments there had been in not seeing those things on which our hopes had been fixed, come to fruition. In many respects a free representative Government had been a disappointment and had failed to cure many of the evils which those who were young Reformers 60 years ago hoped would be ameliorated or removed (hear, hear). If anyone was disheartened by these things let him visit Switzerland. There he would find Government more completely entrusted to the people than in any other country in the world, more completely than would be found in England or America or France. It was a government in the people in this sense that everything that was done was done by the knowledge and the will of the people (hear, hear), of the people, not of professional politicians. but of private citizens of all classes who made up their own minds, who gave their votes from their personal knowledge. study and conscience. In that sense the Government was truly popular as it was not to be found elsewhere. He had the other day a very interesting illustration of the way in which things were done in Switzerland. Those present had heard of the League of Nations and the various difficulties connected with it. and had prevented one great nation from joining it. Some months ago the question was discussed in Switzerland, "shall Switzerland be included in the League of Nations ?" The question was considered and debated at great length by the Federal Council, and the National Assembly decided that Switzerland ought to enter, and submitted that decision to be accepted or rejected by the people. That question had to be voted upon, and recently he had a letter from a friend in Geneva who referred to the matter. He said that for three or four days before the voting, nothing else was talked about. "When you walk along the streets "-so he wrote. "you are apt to be stopped by someone who knows you to be a professor or a statesman or a lawyer, with a copy of the League of Nations Covenant in his hand. The man, often a workman or peasant, would say, 'I don't want to vote on this question unless I understand it.' There were a good many hard nuts to crack in that document, but these peasants and workmen were most anxious to do their duty as citizens" (cheers). "They did not want to vote for something they did not understand, and they realized it was an important issue for the Confederation. and they were right, it was an important question " (hear, hear).

"And they were determined to do their duty, and give their vote according to their consciences after full inquiry and study of the subject." The vote was given, it was an enormously large vote, and it ratified the entrance of Switzerland into the League of Nations by a large majority. He (the right hon. speaker) mentioned this instance because it seemed to him to illustrate what was the greatest merit of the Swiss system (hear, hear). The people sometimes moved slowly as a glacier moves, but they moved and worked and voted for a common interest and a common ideal (cheers). It was an honour and a privilege to belong to a country which was governed in this way, a government in which all bore an active share. Patriotism had been the glory of Switzerland for so many centuries, a patriotism which, he thought, rose in some respects above the patriotism of some other free countries because it maintained internal harmony (hear, hear). And it was so because in Switzerland it is closely associated with the heroic deeds of antiquity, because it permeates the daily lives of the citizens. and has made them feel a sense of public duty more pronounced than in any other country.

It was, therefore, a pleasure to all to make the acquaintance of Switzerland from the side of its government, concluded Viscount Bryce, as well as the side of its scenery (cheers). They would all join in wishing that patriotism and that sense of public spirit which had distinguished Switzerland for so many centuries past would continue for many centuries to come with that degree of success which had characterised her past glorious history (cheers). "She is a small country, but she is a great country," added the right hon. speaker, amidst loud and coutinued cheers.

The Chairman called on The Swiss Minister (MONSIEUR PARAVIEINT) to reply.

His EXCELLENCY in replying said he had been given the honour to respond to the toast of the Swiss Confederation (loud cheers). He would say at once that he should not attempt to rise to the standard of the very fine speech those present had just had the privilege of listening to (hear, hear). "Great compliments have just been paid to my mountains, to my people and to my Government-compliments which it is difficult to answer," added his Excellency, amidst cheers, "but they are compliments which will be appreciated in the highest degree by myself and by the compatriots of my dear country" (renewed cheers). He told only the whole truth when he said that the British tourist had been for over 100 years the favourite visitors to his country. Lord Bryce, who was one of the best friends of his country and was known as such for a long series of years, had said in his most admirable speech that in consequence of the war the difficulties which had arisen on all sides had prevented English friends from coming to Switzerland as we were accustomed to see them. He could assure Lord Bryce, and he could assure also the members of the Swiss Alpine Club and also the members of the British Alpine Club, that he would personally do all he could to make things easier in the future (cheers). If the British Association would help him in the manner suggested by Lord Bryce, he would be only too pleased (laughter and cheers). The passport business was a very wearisome and disagreeable business, and if the British Association would only take it up he could assure the members that personally he would be very pleased (laughter). In fact the whole staff of the Legation would be delighted (renewed laughter). He would tell the secretary entrusted with that task to get into communication at once with the President of the British Alpine Club (laughter).

British visitors, as he had already said, had been for a long period the favourite guests of his country, continued his Excellency. We wished they should come back in numbers at least equal to those before the war (hear, hear). Quite frankly. it was not only for the material advantages that their visits procured for his country that he wished them to return, but it was because we owed them a great debt of gratitude because they were the first people of all the foreigners to discover-he thought it was 150 years ago-the beauties and the secret of the Alps (hear, hear). He might say that the Swiss people have a special liking for the English, because they were real sportsmen (hear, hear). The efficiency and comradeship which they displayed in all sports and athletics appealed more than anything else to his people (hear, hear). As for himself, if those present would allow him to say in all modesty something about that most uninteresting person, he would say at ouce that he was quite unversed to taking part in the present solenin function (No, No). His mountaineering achievements so far were on absolutely a small scale. When he was 16 years of age he went up once the Piz Langnart mountain, the name of which he dare hardly mention in that illustrious assembly. IIc landed in a big fog. and when he had gone down again be thought he had done a great thing. An uncle of his was at one time President of the Swiss Alpine Club. He remembered when he was still a young boy, his father, who was a very tall and strong man and who as far as he could remember tried to get his weight down to ride his own horses in steeplechases, went up another mountain, the name of which he also hardly dare to mention, the Oberalpstock. He went up with three guides and he came down again with a swelled head, and the skin came off for a whole week, and he and his family had a very bad time of it (loud laughter). That was all he thought he could mention of his personal connections with Swiss mountaineering. If he tried to obtain some merits in the way of sport or allied sport, he thought he could only say that he tried to return the visits of the British sportsmen in this country by going in former years to the Shires for a gallop (cheers). Of course he would not compare his gallops with the achievements those present did in his own country. He had sometimes perhaps been also in an awkward position, if not in a dangerous situation—somewhere in a ditch with the horse on the top (laughter). He said this only to shew those present the great respect he had for all the members of the Swiss Alpine Club, of its great variety of sportsmen who go up to the top of the snow-capped mountains and come down again through storms and dangers, after having enjoyed a beautiful view and a good lunch (laughter and cheers).

ALPINE AND KINDRED CLUBS.

MR. C. T. LEHMANN in proposing the toast said : " Most of us present to-night are Members of at least one-and some of us more--Mountaineering Clubs, consequently the task of proposing the health of the Kindred Clubs is one that requires some delicacy of handling, and really the individual to whom the task is alloted should inhabit a fourth dimensional realm, where relativity is law. The correct attitude is one of complete detachment from this sphere ; but I cannot aspire like Icarusand he, poor fellow, came to grief as soon as he approached the attainment of his desires. I am not sure of the date on which this enterprising sportsman made his first attempt at aviation; but I am sure that even he is of much more recent birth than the oldest of the kindred clubs to which I ought to refer. The name of the club has not been handed down to posterity; but we know the names of most of the individuals of whom it was composed, and of their venerable Chairman, Noah ! (loud laughter). He, as you know, decided-it is true under conditions of extreme urgency-(loud laughter) to ascend to the top of the highest mountain known in those days, and if his ascent was not made in quite the same way as we make ours to-day-roping could not be indulged in owing to the great physical diversity of the caravan's component parts-at any rate he had considerable regard for the comfort of those who accompanied him, and he left a very fully equipped hut on the summit of the mountain. He is probably responsible for the introduction to most huts of some of their least desirable occupants, and they have retained an affection for man which is more persistent than pleasing. He also introduced the custom of having a meal on the top of the mountain, and we even know that firewood was brought up for the purpose. Our noble guest. Viscount Bryce, made the next recorded ascent of Mt. Ararat, and I hope he will tell us whether he has found any remains other than broken bottles and sardine tins, of this carliest climbing expedition. [Viscount Bryce : "Yes, pieces of wood" (renewed laughter)]. He (the speaker) was delighted to hear this, and suggested that one of them may have been the lintel of the door on which possibly initials the same as ours. S.A.C. may have been carved, standing perhaps for "Safe and Comfortable" (loud laughter). There were also subsequent proceedings in the valley interesting to mountaineers (renewed laughter).

Coming to more recent years, I feel that to get the proper atmosphere of detachment previously referred to, I must imagine myself as it were the Brevent, one of those mediocre peaks from which one best realises the majesty of the giants. Mt. Blane, which must symbolise the ALFINE CUEB, stands preeminently above all others. There are higher peaks in the world, there are more difficult peaks ; but they do not loom so large in the public eye; they are not "IT" in the same sense as the Alpine Club is "IT" among all the Mountaincering Clubs. Mt. Blane provides scope for every kind of mountaincering, from the simple snow walk to the most difficult ice problem. It receives the man who climbs simply for the sake of scientific research, it is a Mecca, which all true believers must sooner or later visit.

Even as Mt. Blanc is surrounded by a number of other peaks, so the Alpine Club has become the focal point of a number of other Clubs, and it needs no great imagination to identify some of those peaks with some of the Clubs. Thus : the Chamonix Aiguilles—once looked upon as an agglomeration of rocks—find their parallel in the Climbers' Club and The Fell and Rock Climbing Club, once looked upon as an aggregation of mere gypmasts. Now no one with a reputation as a mountaincer can let it be known that he has not climbed the Chamonix Aiguilles, or is not a Member of a Kindred Club. The comparison may even be stretched further : while Mt. Blane is a monument of orthodoxy, the clubs referred to and their prototype invite elimbing by the wrong way up.

The Aiguille d'Argentiere-difficult of access, beautiful in form-may be held typical of the Ladies' Alpine Club. It is written that the very charming heroine of a delightful novelthe daughter it is true of a well-known climber-made its ascent on her first expedition in the mountains ; but this must not be held as a proof of its case ; but rather that heredity and good guiding go a long way to the making of a well-qualified amateur. I hear it is objected that the Aiguille d'Argentiere is not visible from the Brevent, being masked by the Dru and the Vert, but that need not spoil my parallel, for the Ladies' Alpine Club is of a singularly retiring nature, and while heard of is rarely seen.

The Rucksack Club is in evidence on all mountain paths.

The Scottish Mountaineering Club might be difficult to place in these surroundings; but far away to the right one gets a glimpse of the Dauphine Alps, and I fancy that their great dryness, relative to the Swiss Alps, may be considered as an execllent indication of the tendency which is now manifesting itself in Scotland (loud laughter).

The whole circle of Mountains around us—high. low. difficult, easy—are truly representative of the Swiss Alpine Club, embracing as it does climbers and mountain lovers of all aptitudes, inviting to its fold all who love mountains, just because they are mountains, and not because of their special difficulties.

Even as beyond these mountains there are others unseen but not unknown, so there are many mountain clubs beyond the few mentioned, with special spheres of activity; one to which

our distinguished guest-Mr. Winthrop Young-belongs is, I believe, unique, in that its field is limited to a plane-it has length and breadth—that of the dinner table ! (loud laughter). But there is one thing common to all these clubs, just as there is to all mountains : the atmosphere ! We all, when we meet in our various clubs, feel lighter in mood, feel that the cares of earth are slipping away, we feel the wonderful exhilaration and comfort in each others society which man learnt to appreciate since the remote days of the cave dweller, who found that, individually, he could not achieve as much as he could with two or three fellow men whom he could trust. It was a somewhat peculiar coincidence that the Alpine Club was born practically at the same time and the same day as Darwin's "Origin of Species" purported to explain the development of man's crolntion up to that time, and this theory of natural selection and survival of the fittest contrasted very remarkably with the climbing spirit which was exactly the opposite, for the climbing spirit embodied co-operation, not competition ; and not survival of the fittest; but survival of the weakest, for the rope was his protection (hear, hear). Those present would neither have the patience, nor have I the time, to make the most of this scientific phantasy ; I put it forward to shew that climbing clubs were a great feature in the development of man, particularly if we took as their object, as their characteristics, those which had been given to them by Viscount Bryce (hear, hear). I feel, therefore, that the Alpine Club and the Kindred Clubs would go forward and be a step upward in the progress of Man : not indeed simply in his progress as animal man, but in the image of his Maker (loud cheers).

Gentlemen. I give you the health of the Alpine Club. coupled with the name of Professor Norman Collie, and of the Kindred Clubs, coupled with the name of Mr. G. Winthrop Young."

PROFESSOR NORMAN COLLIE responded to the toast of the Alpine Club. Certainly it was one which he had the greatest pleasure in responding to, because the Club, as they all knew. was a Club which had done a great deal of good and excellent work and had been the pioneer of different movements for benefit of mountaineering (cheers). He hoped also that the Club was going to produce a certain number of those men called super-men, a new development of humanity that was going to do better than the older state of humanity (cheers). There was quite room for improvement. After what we had seen during the last few years, when men had gone out from all parts of the world to kill each other, he certainly thought mankind might be improved, and when another point of view was taken, viz., "what is mankind doing all over the world so far as preserving its beauties," he was doing very little ; he was in fact pulling down and destroying everything he could (hear, hear). Beautiful places more or less were overrun, and in Europe we had post-impressionism, for our food we had magarine, and

everywhere we saw the same thing (hear, hear). If there was somebody who might possibly save the world from this disaster which seemed to be looming in front of us, it was to be hoped he was a mountaineer (hear, hear). There was one thing man could not destroy and that was the mountains (hear, hear). Man could go there and make railways up them, but it did not affect them, for the mountain was so big that the railway could The traveller went up the mountain side and not be seen. bestrewed it with bottles and papers, but the snow came down and hid them all and they were buried and put out of sight. Viscount Bryce had said that the mountaineer got old and that he found he was not able to do the things that he did at 35 years of age. When he heard that statement he confessed he was rather surprised, because he wanted to know how Lord Bryce found that out (hear, hear), because he was not really older than 35 (cheers). Certainly he did things that one expected from a person of that age. He was here and there, in Switzerland in one month. South America in another, and in another country almost at the same time (laughter). The speaker met him only five years ago up in Skyc. and he had been the day before on a walk of something like 15 or 18 miles over some of the roughest country (checrs). One would have thought that was sufficient for a man of his age, and that he would have an easy day following, but instead of that he did another 15 or 16 miles, and he climbed about 2000 feet. Therefore in his (the speaker's view) the noble lord might not be more than 35 years of age (laughter). Those present had heard something about Noah and the Ark. Obviously he never went to Switzerland because there was one beast, but he supposed modern civilization had destroyed it, and that was the dragon (laughter). There was no mention of the dragon in the Ark, but there is no doubt there were dragons in Switzerland not so long ago, and those present would find a history of them in the book of Scheuchzer. In that extraordinary book they will find pictures of English people, members of the Royal Society of London, and if there had not been dragons in those days the Royal Society would not have allowed their names being put on these plates. The dragon must have been a most delightful beast, and not one of the fiery animals portrayed in the story books (laughter). Scheuchzer tells the story of a priest who was going to Italy. He started at the end of the summer, and instead of arriving in Italy, he did not turn up until the following summer, and the story was that in going over the Alps he met a dragon, and the dragon was very friendly, and said, "Will you come and see my house and my wife ? " So off they went together and the priest lived with the dragon in a cave all through the winter and they enjoyed themselves, eating salt that exuded from the side of the ice cave. He (the speaker) wished he could be like the dragon so that he could remain in Switzerland, not for one wretched month, but for the whole of the winter, and live on the salt as the priest did (laughter). It would be a very useful thing if

some scientist could discover what this particular food was, this manna sent to the glacier (hear, hear). It would certainly solve one problem—that of carrying up provisions (laughter).

MR. WINTHROP YOUNG said he was called upon to support the last speaker, not physically nor morally, but what might be termed spiritually, secretarial-spiritually, the inspiration of the Secretary "after spirit" (laughter). After listening to the speeches that evening he felt certain that the Secretary must be an Elizabethan scholar, and that he had discovered that Shakespeare invented a practice of introducing between scenes poetical, literary, and even eloquent, some humorous relief, in which the Fool played a transient part. He must ask those present to regard him, for some two and a half minutes, in the light of the Fool. During the time they were at liberty to stretch their legs and talk (laughter). The Professor, he felt, had almost been in need of some moral support while he was talking about dragons. For his part, he could assure them that when he was in the Island of Rhodes the Consul General had assured him that his mother had seen over the gate of the old fortress the positive skull of a dragon, one that was killed by the last Grand Master before the Knights were turned out by the Turks. And if that was not direct evidence ! (laughter).

But apart from pleasant topics more personal to himself, it was his privilege, and duty, to reply on behalf of a number of Clubs. When a parent, or guardian, or legal representative was accosted by a good-looking, well-dressed stranger, and congratulated upon his or her thriving offspring, the first instinct was to give a general assurance of their prosperity, with an explanation at length that while their ailments were due to Providence, their recovery must be attributed to parental genius (laughter). In this more general way he could assure them of the well-being of the Climbing Clubs. Of those which had been allocated to him, one or two must be rejected from the family at once. That alleged to have existed on Mount Ararat would at once have been exploded, if Lord Bryce had inspected the fragment said to have been found by him. He would have found upon it the letters A.R.K., of course signifying the "Ararat Rowing Club" (laughter). The Crimean Club was also at once ruled out by the fact that it spent the Climbing day in Char-a-bancs ! But his immediate purpose was to speak of the British Clubs. Like good British brothers, they all went on their own ways successfully and disregardingly. Τf they ever met, they met genially and were sufficiently cordial. If they did not meet, they did not mind over much (laughter). In the same way, if anyone gave one club news of another, its tone was very much that of the plain Briton : "Ah, poor old so-and-so ! Going down hill, I suppose ? Well, well, he could not expect to last the pace, with his Annual Dinners and such-But you should have seen him when we were young like ! together I "-and there follows a long story of his own achievements. And as each club said much the same of the other, it was safe to assume that they were all about equally prosperous.

But he found on examination that he was asked to answer for the Clubs as "Kindred" Clubs. Now supposing that the well-looking and gorgeous stranger not only congratulated the parent, but claimed "kinship" with the offspring, the point of view was changed. The parent looked round anxiously to see which of the family, by facial resemblance, might justify the claim, with some hope of a wealthy inheritance. With this hope he had turned up at once the record of their Club, and collided with its name-the Federation of British Members of the Swiss Alpine Club. It was hopeless to claim kinship with a Federation. It would be like calling oneself twin brother to a Soap Combine, or cousin of the League of Nations (laughter) -consin German (renewed laughter). He had thought what be should do if, say, the Millionaire Club of New York should elaim kindred with his offspring. He would buy postcard portraits of the Members, and see which resembled what : and then set to work to suborn the necessary number of artists to swear to the shape of an car, in support of the claim (laughter). But as he had not got portraits of the Members of the Federation, he had employed himself that evening in looking round to trace resemblances. His eldest offspring was the Scottish Mountaincoring Club. This had been long out in the world. and almost all he now knew of it was Mr. Ling, its President. But when he looked round the tables, he saw no one who would be complimented by being thought like a Scottish mountain. even one with heather or Ling on the top of it ! The Yorkshire Ramblers were also long out in the world. A strong horticultural family, the Ramblers, but the only one he could identify himself was the Crimson Rambler, and he need hardly say that on looking round he traced nowhere any striking resemblance. Again, there was the Climbers' Club, another thriving Garden family, and with many variegated blooms. But ou searching his memory to identify any particular "climber" of this class, he could only remember an old quotation, from Sarah Grand, in "The Heavenly Twins," of how an indignant lady "plucked off a handful of the Climber from the porch." There was no one he saw in the room from whom it would be tactful, or even safe, to pluck off a handful. Of the Rucksack Club, he knew little more ; and to a rucksack, full or empty, it would not be flattering to be compared. There remained the Fell and Rock Club, with which he had just been spending a delightful week-end. Here there might be hope ! But they. again, were almost unique among such clubs in including a large proportion of Lady Members. The ladies represented almost the most active and certainly the most personable portion of the Club, if it came to a question of facial attributes, it would be indelicate to seek out the resemblance; and he had therefore taken refuge in the list of those dining, in the hope of finding some suggestion. And at once he had come upon the mysterious letters "F.R.S." attached to a name. They could

only mean a claim to be connected with the "Fell and Rock Sisterbood !" (laughter). Alas, the name attached to them was that of Professor Collie, whom, apart from other reasons, he dared not approach familiarily, since he presided over the only pre-war organization for which he, the speaker, retained a proper respect.

He must give up the attempt to establish kinship with the Federation: and it grieved him the more, at this time, because, while the function of these Clubs was generally the admirable one of promoting social friendship, that of the Federation had the higher, and most praiseworthy, object of promoting an understanding between different nations (applause). He trusted that they would forgive his failure, and that the Clubs would never hear how grossly they had been misrepresented. If they did, he should have to take refuge in assuring them that nothing could exceed the cordiality with which the Toast (omitting his misrepresentations) had been received (cheers).

The Guests.

THE CHAIRMAN said as a habit he had made four or five speeches at the dinner, and he felt rather indignant with Mr. Bruce that evening because he had to make only one and that was to propose the toast of the guests, and yet he had been sct in the midst of a galaxy of talent which had made his task very easy. His task in fact was still easier, because most of them had spoken, and those present knew them really as they were (hear, hear). They had heard his Excellency the Swiss Minister who had disclaimed any right to call himself on a level with the mountaineering members of this club, but he had told them he used to gallop in the Shires. "We claim him as a very brother," added the speaker amidst cheers, "because there is a great similarity between those who climb in the mountains and those who gallop in the Shires. They are both liable to lose skin although not in exactly the same place" (laughter). Those present were very glad to welcome his Excellency that evening just as they gladly welcomed his prcdecessor. They knew what they owed to Switzerland, and if they welcomed him strongly for his own sake there was no doubt at the bottom of their minds the hope that his presence would make things easier for them in Switzerland, as he had no doubt it would do. It was true that many travellers had not been to Switzerland during the last year or so as they had hoped to do, but that was not their fault. On the whole they had a good deal less leisure, and those who did not belong to the striking classes had got a good deal less pay (hear, hear). And the only climb the war profiteers seemed to do was into their new three thousand guinea Rolls Royce car (hear, hear, and laughter). They had also had Professor Collie speaking to them. His career was known to them all, and for that reason he would not deal with his great work, but his

career was an education in the Orientation that evening. If he trusted Lord Bryce he would express the opinion that his future activities would not be in the University, but in the outhouse of Switzerland where he would live in peace (laughter). The last speaker had put right all the various theories held by early poets of the eighteenth century, Shelley and his like, who looked at the mountains from the bottom and said what terrible things they were (laughter). He had allowed all that from the point of the poet. In all seriousness be recalled how that speaker for five dreary years carried high the play of which all Englishmen were so intensely proud (loud cheers). He was not going to dwell on that, but it was something which men associated with mountains would never forget (renewed cheers). One dark horse amongst the guests who had not yet spoken was the Right Hon. Lord Sterndale, who would respond to the toast (cheers). He had carried on that great line of tourist climbers which had done more than any other section of men to make mountaincering famous amongst Englishmen (hear, hear). Mr. Justice Wills, Messrs, Pilkington and other eminent lawyers of this country had spent their holidays in the Alps. It had always been an intense pride to everybody associated with the Alps that their love of the mountains had been adopted and followed by these very distinguished men (cheers).

LORD STERNDALE in reply said he had been put in a difficult position. When told that he had to speak he noticed that his speech would be concerned with Switzerland and the Alps, and he thought that possibly he might be able to say something about those subjects. But Lord Bryce had spoken before him on Switzerland and the Alps, and when he had done with a subject there was little left for anyone to say. However, in his description of the pleasures of Switzerland to a retired mountaineer, Lord Bryce had made one omission. He had mentioned the pleasure of bcd as a resting place as compared to a sheepskin, but he had omitted that of being in an botel from which the climbers started. When the fortunate guest heard them go downstairs in the early morning and heard them go out, he said, "There, but for the grace of God, go I," and turned over and went to sleep again. That was real pleasure. There was nothing to be said about the Alps and association with them that had not been said before. As to his fellow guests, he had not been supplied with a history of his fellow guests and could not enlarge upon their qualities, and he was not going to talk about himself. All he would say was that he hoped all the guests were climbers, and if they were not they ought to be (cheers).

MR. J. A. B. BRUCE (the Hon. Treasurer) said, I have been asked to propose the toast of Mr. A. E. W. Mason, the President of our Association. I think Mr. Andrews must have thought that if I was left to so late an hour in the evening there would be no chance

of my inflicting a long speech on you. I feel rather a hardy annual as I seem to have proposed this toast so often to you or to your predecessor. This is our 12th Annual Dinner. Our beginnings were small. In June. 1909, twenty-six of us met in an upper room of the Blenheim Restaurant. Many great movements have begun in a similar humble manner. We put my friend, Mr. E. B. Harris, whom I am glad to see here to-night, in the chair, on account of his magnificent presence; we thought he resembled Lord Kitchiner (laughter). Steel and myself were chosen as Hon. Secs., and we invited the late Mr. Clinton Dent to be President ; when he accepted our success was assured (applause). On his decease, a loss not only to us but to the whole Alpine World, we elected you, sir, in his place, and you have worthily carried on his work, so that in spite of our sad losses in the War we still number 400 members. The only drawback to you sir, if I may say so, is your inaccessibility; that's a difficult word to say after dinner (laughter). Weeks before our Annual Dinner, Mr. Andrews is filled with anxiety as to whether he can get into communication with you to secure your attendance. Letters and telegrams are dispatched all over the world. Perhaps you have a new book in hand and have withdrawn yourself from the vulgar herd, and are ruminating in the recesses of some unknown mountain. I am ignorant as to where they are situate, but they are very difficult to get at (laughter) I don't know the period of gestation for a book. I understand an elephant takes one year and ten months and a mouse six weeks. Perhaps it depends upon the book. But just in time the labour is over-you answer "the summons," and to our joy and Mr. Andrews' relief he hears you will be able to take the chair. If you want a title for your next book I suggest "The Anxiety of Andrews" (laughter). Well, I must leave off, even Demosthenes with stones in his mouth could not go on at this late hour of the evening (laughter). I propose your health and will ask Mr. Andrews to second it. (This, however, Mr. Andrews laughingly declined). Well, I will put it myself-carried unanimously (applause).

THE CHAIRMAN in reply said he would have this toast proposed quite differently at the next Annual Dinner. There was a sort of insurrection existing (laughter). He had suspicion of it at the beginning, but now he was convinced and he was going to have an end put to it (hear, hear), and he would see to it that at the next Annual Dinner this toast was proposed in quite a different spirit (laughter). The last speaker said he was inaccessible, but he was not as inaccessible as the postcards sent him. They reached him in different parts of the world, late indeed, and he had either to spend pounds in cabling or he had to leave them and say, "I come when I come," but he was always ready when he was wanted (hear, hear). And then there was friend Andrews refusing to second the toast. It was an act of insubordination which he would sternly repress (hear, He thanked all present for attending the Annual hear). Dinner, for it proved that the Club was in a flourishing condition (loud cheers).

THE

ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH MEMBERS

OF THE

SWISS ALPINE CLUB.

RULES.

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 head-quarters of our sections. This is done by Monthly Informal Dinners, Lectures, Smoking "At Homes," and showing Alpine Slides on the Lantern at the Club Room, 136, Strand, W.C.

3 CONSTITUTION.

Officers-President

Vice-Presidents To be elected annually, Two Hon. Secretaries in November or Dec. Hon. Treasurer

- Hon. Auditor, and
- Hon. Solicitor

with power to the Committee to increase the number of Officers by two if it is so desired.

Members-J. Ordinary. The qualification for ordinary membership shall be "membership of some section of the $S.\Lambda.C.$ "

 $2, \ \mbox{Honorary}, \ \mbox{To be elected at the discretion of the Committee},$

4. SUBSCRIPTION.

The Annual Subscription to the Association shall be 10/- per annum, payable at election. The payment of £4 4s. shall be considered as equivalent to the annual payment of 10/-. The increase of the subscription to members who joined before December 31st, 1920 (from 5/- to 10/-) is left optional.

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 Nevember or 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 meeting, which shall have the power of confirming or annulling, by a twothird 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 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.

* Year ends 81st December.

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 secretarics 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. CLUB ROOM FOR MEETINGS and LIBRARY.

The Committee shall have power to hire premises for the purposes of the Association, and have donc so at Gatti's, 436, Strand, W.C. (2nd floor), thus affording a meeting place for members.

The Club Room now affords a very fine library of books on Alpine subjects, also maps of most of the Alpine districts.

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.

15. MONTHLY INFORMAL DINNERS.

These are held at our Club Room, 436. Strand, on 4th Wednesday in each month. Price 5/6.

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 Treasurer, 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. e.g., in Geneva 29 frances a year and 15 frances entrance fee. The Association can arrange to pay the subscription to the S.A.C. yearly, or will supply Banker's Forms for that purpose. If the first year's subscription and entrance fee is sent the candidate can be elected at once. If he wishes to obtain the full advantage of membership he should also enclose a small photograph of hinself, this will be endorsed by our Treasurer and returned on his card of membership. If, in addition, he wishes to belong to our Association in England, the subscription is only 10/- a year or 24 4s. for life.

The Central Committee of the Swiss Alpine Club have cordially approved of the formation of our Society, and most of the British members have joined our Association.

^{*}The subscription in English money varies slightly also with the rate of exchange,

ADVANTAGES OF BELONGING TO THE SWISS ALPINE CLUB.

Members of the Club obtain reductions on certain Swiss Railway (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 fortuightly paper and monthly magazine in a French section free; the Jahrbüch, a well-illustrated Annual, half-price (6 francs), and other advantages. In a German speaking section the Jahrbüch is compulsory and included in minimum subscription, 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.

Club Hut Album contains pictures of all the S.A.C. Huts, and descriptions; it is issued as a supplement to Jahrbüch.

Informal Dinners (5,6) are held by the British Members at their Club Room, 436, Strand, W.C., on the 4th Wednesday in each month, except August and December, at which members who are interested in climbing meet and become acquainted with one another. Lantern slides are generally shown after the dinner. Ladies can be invited to the Club dinners only on the special occasions given notice of by the Committee.

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

Association of British Members Swiss Alpine Club.

1921.

(CORRECTED TO MARCH 1ST, 1921.)

* Indicates Life Member: *Italics*, Hon. Member: 'AC.' Alpine Club. Sections of S.A.C. in brackets.

Adams, W. (Geneva), Orchard House, Saffron Walden

Adams, W. G., AC. (Diablerets), Blatchington Lodge, Scaford Anstic, E. L. (Geneva), 31, Market Place, Devizes

*Aitken, S., 'AC.' (Geneva), Mon Repos, Mullion, S.O., South Cornwall

Allen, B., 'AC.' (Montreux), 14, Gainsboro' Gardens, Hampstead. N.W.3.

Allen, Dr. Freeman, 'AC.' (Oberland), 200, Beacon Street, Boston, U.S.A.

Allingham. Philip (Geneva)

*Anderson, J. G. (Geneva). 2, Edgridge Road, Croydon

Andrews, A. N., 'AC.' (Grindelwald), Hon. Sec., Southfield, Ryde, and 34. Great Ormond Street, W.C.

Ashby, R. C., AC.' (Diablerets), 16, Northlands Road, Southampton

Backhouse. Edward. 'AC.' (Genera), 50, Higher Drive. Purley. Surrey

*Baer, J. (Jaman), 80, Holland Park, W.

*Bainbridge-Bell, Rev. F. C., 'AC.' (Geneva). St. Luke's Vicarage. The Avenue, Kew Gardens, Surrey

Baker, H. K. (Geneva), Links House, Beacon Hill, Hindhead

Barker, A. E., 'AC.' (Geneva). 71, Fountaine Road, Edgbaston

*Barnard. W. (Oberland), 3, New Court, Lincoln's Inn, W.C.

- Barnes, A., A.C.' (Oberland). Board of Trade. S.W., and 22, Park Hill, Ealing, W.5.
- *Barrow, Harrison (Genera), 35, Frederick Road, Edgbaston

Bartlett, H. (Diablerets), 27, Radcliffe Gardens, S.W.

Bartrum, Capt. G., 'AC.' (Grindelwald), Brambletye, Guildown, Guildford

Bateman, Rev. A. B., R.M.M.C. (Geneva), 19, Clifton Gardens, West Hartlepool

- Beauman, Flight-Commander E. B., R.A.F., 'AC.' (Geneva), Seatield, Sea View, Isle of Wight
- Bell, Rev. G. (Geneva), The Vicarage, Romford
- Bell, Rev. G. (Geneva), The Vicarage, Romford Bellows, W. (Geneva), Tuffley Lawn, Gloucester

- Bernoud, (Geneva), President of S.A.C., Geneva (Hon. Mem.)
- *Bezencenet, M. (Geneva), 34, Fenchurch Street, London, E.C. Bird. Major L. W., D.S.O., 'AC.' (Monte Rosa), Ruxley Lodge, Claygate, Surrey
- *Blackden, Brig.-Gen. L. S., 'AC.' (Geneva), The Jewell House, Marden, Kent (life Member Geneva)
- Blampied, C. G. (Geneva), 7, Elizabeth Place, St. Hiliers, Jersev
- *Blunt, Capt. W. S., R.E., 'AC.' (Monte Rosa), c/o Cox & Co., Charing Cross, London. W.I. Bourdillon, F. W., 'AC.' (Allels). died January, 1921

- Bourdillon, Lt.-Col. R. (Geneva), University College, Oxford
- *Bowdoin, H. C., 'AC.' (Geneva), c/o Messrs. Baring & Son, Bishopsgate, E.C.
- Boyd, Dr. Alexander (Geneva), The Manor House, Ware Bradford. Rev. O. (Geneva), 4, St. Clements Rd., Bournemouth Bradley, Major M. G., 'AC.' (Oberland). Hemingford Abbots, St. Ives, Huntingdon
- Brady, C. W. R. (Oberaagau), 11. Percy Place, Dublin
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An expedition to Spitsbergen is being organized in the University of Oxford. Among the chief objects of the expedition are the following:—

- 1. ZOOLOGY.
- 2. BOTANY.
- 3. GEOLOGY.

4. EXPLORATION. Several of the highest peaks in Spitsbergen are as yet unclimbed, and there is abundant scope for useful geographical work, especially in the north- eastern part of the archipelago. A traverse of New Friesland will be attempted by a party comprising several members of the Alpine Club, who, in addition, possesses scientific qualifications.

The expedition has the sanction and support of the University of Oxford, as well as the heads of all the scientific departments concerned. The Topographical Section will go out under the leadership of Mr. N. E. Odell, 'AC.' Royal School of Mines, and Hon. Sec. of Association of British Members of Swiss Alpine Club, Mr. A. M. Carr-Saunders, 'AC.,' and Mr. H. R. C. Carr, who will engage partly in mountaineering, partly in topographical and scientific work.

It is proposed that two parties should go out in sealing-sloops at different dates, the first party as early as possible in June, 1921, and the second following a few weeks later.

It has been estimated that to carry out such a scheme adequately, a sum of at least £3,000 would be necessary. If a larger sum were forthcoming, the scope of the expedition could be profitably enlarged. It may be mentioned that this is the first expedition of the kind ever sent out from the University of Oxford. The Committee hope that a generous response will be given to the proposal.

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