THE ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH MEMBERS

OF THE

SWISS ALPINE CLUB.

(ESTABLISHED 1909.)

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1923.

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ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH MEMBERS

OF THE

SWISS ALPINE CLUB.

The Annual Report, Accounts and Balance Sheet for 1922

NEW MEMBERS.

Forty-four new members have joined during the past year, but 17 have resigned or died. It is hoped that members will make every effort to secure new candidates for the S.A.C. and the Association.

The members now are: December 31st, 1922 Less Resignations, Deaths, etc.,	454
during 1922	17
Total Jan. 1st, 1923	437

Of these, 176 are Life Members, 14 Honorary Members and 246 Ordinary Members.

PROGRESS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

June,	1909		Members	26	
,			метрегв		`
Dec. 31st,	1909		,,	120	
,,	1910		,,	250	
,,	1911		,,	330	
,,	1912		,,	386	
,,	1913		,,	426	
,,,	1914		,,	451	(War)
,,	1915		. "	440	,,,
,,	1916		,,	423	"
	1917			410	
,,			"		"
"	1918	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	"	408	2,0
,,	1919		,,	412	
,,	1920		,,	423	
,,	1921		,,	441	
12	1922	,,,,,,,,,	"	454	

OBITUARY.

We regret to announce the death of five of our members during the year 1922, viz.: The Rt. Hon. Viscount Bryce, O.M., His Excellency Dr. G. Carlin (late Swiss Minister to Great Britain), A. Bernoud, Ex-President of the Swiss Alpine Club, Edward Backhouse, killed as the result of a climbing accident on Leiterspitze, and A. Studenmund (Geneva Section). Portraits and short obituaries annexed.

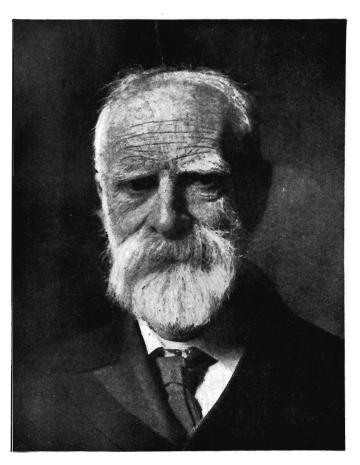
RT. HON. VISCOUNT BRYCE, O.M., G.C.V.O., D.C.L., F.R.S. Viscount Bryce died in January, 1922, aged 85.

A very interesting "In Memoriam" notice of Lord Bryce appears in the Alpine Journal, Vol. 34, page 303, by his friend, D. W. Freshfield, chiefly dealing with his exploits as a mountain explorer and climber. He was born on 10th May, 1838, and was educated at the High School and University of Glasgow and Trinity College, Oxford. He was called to the Bar at Lincolns Inn, 1867. He was M.P. for Tower Hamlets, 1880, and afterwards for South Aberdeen: was Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Chancellor of Duchy of Lancaster, President of Board of Trade, Chief Secretary for Ireland; author of "Transcaucasia and Ararat" and "The American Commonwealth," which became a Classic at once. He married in 1889 Elizabeth Marion, daughter of Thomas Ashton, of Ford Bank, Manchester, who was well fitted to share as a true companion in his many-sided activities. He was President of the Alpine Club, 1899 to 1902. He took great interest in the formation of the Association of British Members of the Swiss Alpine Club, and subscribed to the building of the Cabane Britannia, and when Ambassador at Washington wrote he hoped to climb up there and look down on Saas Valley before he died. He was also curious to know the origin of the name Uto for one of the sections of Swiss Alpine Club. He was unable to accept the Presidency of our Association as he said when he came back to England there was so much literary work he wished to finish, but he often attended our meetings and dinners and always made an interesting and stimulating speech on such occasions. A recent photograph kindly presented to our Association by Viscountess Bryce for our Club Room is inserted in this report.

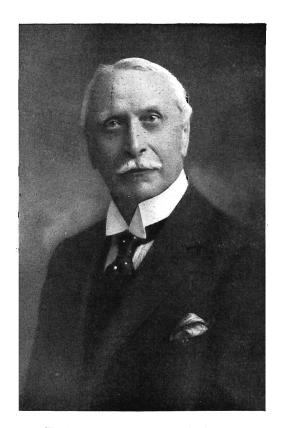
HIS EXCELLENCY G. CARLIN, Swiss Minister,

b. August 19th, 1859, died June 13th, 1922.

We regret to announce the death of the above, aged 62, an Honorary Member of our Association since 1910. He attended and spoke at most of our Annual Dinners while he was Swiss



THE LATE VISCOUNT BRYCE, O.M.



HIS EXCELLENCY THE LATE G. CARLIN (TAKEN A WEEK BEFORE HIS DEATH).

Minister in this country, and had recently been appointed Swiss Minister at Berlin. He studied law at the Universities of Berne, Leipzig and Paris, and held the degree of Doctor Juris. He was a member of the Bern Section of the Swiss Alpine Club. Two photographs annexed, one taken on the summit of Jungfrau and the other at Berlin a week before his death.

EDWARD BACKHOUSE, 'AC.'

We regret to announce the death of the above who was killed with his guide, Thomas Biner, on the Leiterspitz on August 19th last, aged 46. He was a member of the Alpine Club and of the Geneva Section of the Swiss Alpine Club. He joined our Association in 1912. He was formerly a Banker at Darlington, and was educated at Leighton Park School and Balliol College, Oxford. He married in 1902 Miss Lucy Mounsey, elder daughter of the late E. B. Mounsey.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS, 1922.

Members of our Association were climbing in all parts of the Alps last summer. General Bruce (a Vice-President) was leader of the 1922 Everest Expedition. Other members of our Association taking part in the expedition were G. H. Mallory and T. H. Somervell.

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 1922. The total sum so collected for 1922 amounted to £504 14s. 7d. in small sums for 11 Sections.

About 500 British Members belong to some section of S.A.C. 436 are members of our Association; of these about 275 belong to Geneva Section, and 155 to other sections.

This Club now numbers 21,695 members belonging to 76 Sections. There was a surplus last year of 8609 francs; the previous year there was a deficit of 44,857. There are 90 Huts, which were used by 44,233 persons last year,

NEW ALPINE CLUB HUT.

IN MEMORY OF DR. COAZ.

It has been decided by the Swiss Alpine Club to make a collection in all its sections to construct a hut in memory of Dr. J. Coaz, who died, aged 97, and who was one of the original and at his death an Honorary Member of the S.A.C. Subscriptions may be sent to either the Treasurer of a section or to J. A. B. Bruce, Hon. Treasurer of Association of British Members of the S.A.C., Selborne Lodge, Austen Road, Guildford. A circular letter from Dr. A. Betrex, Ex-President of S.A.C., is enclosed with this Report.

He had studied and written largely on the avalanches

and glaciers.

CABANE BRITANNIA.

This hut, situated on the Kleine Allalinhorn, between Saas Fee and Zermatt, was presented through the Association to the Swiss Alpine Club as a token of our appreciation of their kindness and hospitality to us in the past. It is much used by climbers in Summer and skiers in Winter. It was placed under the care of the Geneva Section by the Central Committee of the Swiss Alpine Club. Last year this hut was used by 790 persons.

TOTAL SUBSCRIPTIONS RAISED BY THE ASSOCIATION.

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·	£	s.	d.
Club Hut Britannia	830	1	6
Clinton Dent Memorial	73	5	0
Belgian Relief Fund	61	8	6
Swiss Guides Relief Fund	367	1	7
Visits of Relatives to Prisoners			
of War in Switzerland	117	10	6
Spitsbergen Expedition	. 6	5	0
frotal.	£1455	19	- 1

Total ... £1455 12 1



His Excellency the late G. Carlin.
Summit of Jungfrau.



THE LATE EDWARD BACKHOUSE.
KILLED ON LEITERSPITZ, AUGUST, 1922.

CLUB ROOMS AND LIBRARY.

The Club Room is at Gatti's, 436, Strand, W.C. (2nd floor), and affords a meeting place for members. If the door is locked, key can be obtained on the 1st floor.

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

Rev. H. S. Newton has kindly presented us with vol. 1 and 2 of New Zealand Alpine Club.

A catalogue of the Library will be found in the Club Room, and is also included in this report.

The best thanks of the Association are due to Mr. E. R. Taylor for lending the Club a bookcase.

Monthly Dinners are held there on the 4th Wednesday in each month at 7.30. Due notice will be given on dates when ladies may be invited.

Gifts of Books for the Library will be gratefully received by the Hon. Librarian, C. T. Lehmann, Old Manor House, Gunnersbury Lane, W.

ANNUAL DONATION OF GENEVA SECTION.

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.

Dr. H. L. R. Dent has been elected President for 1923 in place of A. E. W. Mason. Vice-Presidents, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Librarian, Hon. Auditor and Hon. Solicitor for the ensning year were re-elected at the Annual Meeting on November 22nd (for names see inside cover). Mr. A. N. Andrews was re-elected as one of the Hon. Secs., and W. M. Roberts (in place of N. E. Odell) as the other Hon. Sec. The name of A. E. W. Mason (Retiring President) was added to the list of Vice-Presidents.

THE COMMITTEE.

The following retired from the Committee in accordance with Rule 7b:—R. A. Frazer, D. F. Grant, W. M. Roberts and J. O. Robson.

The following have been elected in their place:—Dr. V. C. Ellwood, R. S. T. Chorley, R. E. C. Houghton and N. E. Odell.

Eight Committee Meetings were held during the year.

FINANCE.

The accounts have been audited by Mr. R. Graham, the Hon. Auditor. There is a balance on Revenue for the year 1922 of £1 0s. 8d., but to this must be added the accumulated Balances of former years, making a total of £136 13s. 0d. The Life Membership Reserve Fund now stands at £325, 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.

DINNERS, 1922.

The Annual Summer Dinner was held on June 28th and was a great success. Ladies were invited, and slides shown after dinner. About 100 were present.

ANNUAL WINTER DINNER.

Our Annual Winter Dinner was held at the Adelaide Gallery (Gatti's) on November 22nd, 1922. Nearly 100 were present. Our President, Mr. A. E. W. Mason, took the chair, and the guests of the evening included Professor Norman Collie (President of the Alpine Club), the Swiss Minister, the Secretary of the Swiss Legation, the President, City Swiss Club, the Editor of the Swiss Observer, Mr. A. L. Bill (Association of Midland Mountaineers), and J. E. C. Eaton, Hon. Sec. Alpine Club. Lord Hewart, Lord Chief Justice of England, accepted our invitation, but was prevented by illness at the last moment from being present. Report of speeches at dinner annexed (see page).

SUMMER HOLIDAYS IN SWITZERLAND, 1923.

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

If a dinner is to be held in Switzerland, notice will be given.

MONTHLY DINNERS IN 1923.

These will be held on the 4th Wednesdays in each month (except in 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, or slides shown. Members wishing to dine should communicate with the Hon. Sec., A. N. Andrews, 21, St. Stephen's Square, W.2, as early as possible, stating if they wish to bring guests. Dates annexed. The price of the dinners is collected at the table.

DATES IN 1923.

January 24th	April 25th.	July 25th.
February 28th.	\widetilde{May} 23rd.	September 26th.
*March 28th.	June 27th.	October 24th.

* i.e., the fourth Wednesday in each month.

The Annual Winter Dinner for 1923 will be held in November.

NEW CARDS MEMBERSHIP OF S.A.C.

New cards of membership are issued in 1923. Photographs should be transferred from the old, or new ones stuck on. These can be stamped and signed by the Treasurer of our Association or the Treasurer of the Section.

Association of British Members of the Swiss Alpine Club. ACCOUNTS TO DECEMBER 31st, 1922.

RECEIPTS TO DECEMBER 31st, 1922

Subscriptions Collected for Swiss Alpine Club	Sections of S.A.C. £ s. d. 504 14 7	Association. £ s. d.	Total. £ s. d. 504 14 7
140 Subscription to Association—at 5/-		35 0 0	,
109 ,, at 10/		54 10 0	
Life Members, 1922 (12)		50 8 0	∞
Profit on Annual Dinner		5 14 6	
Donation from Geneva Section		20 0 0	184 16
Net Dividends		10 8 1	
Sale of Jahrbuch and Badges, etc.		182	· ·
Received from Sections for Postage		7 7 6	}
	504 14 7	184 16 8	689 10 1
Accumulated Balances to December 81st, 1921		185 12 4	195 12 4
	£504 14 7	£820 8 7	£825 3 2
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PAYMENTS TO DECEMBER 31st, 1922.

Amounts paid to Sections of S.A.C.	Sections of S.A.C. £ s. d. 504 2 7	Association. £ s. d.	Total. £ s. d. 504 2 7
Lantern		4 0 0	1
Printing		68 1 11	1
Stamps, Stationery, etc		44 0 0	
Reporter at Dinner		4 15 0	
Transferred to Net Life Membership Account		50 0 0	
Donation to Spitsbergen Expedition		1 0 0	188 15 7
Paid for Jahrbuch and Badges	• ••	0 9 0	9
Subscription returned		0 5 0	İ
Clerical		7 0 9	1
Miscellaneous		4 8 11	1
	504 2 7	183 15 7	687 18 2
Balance, December 31st, 1922, on year	12 0	108	1 12 8
Accumulated Balances of previous years		185 12 4	185 12 4
	£504 14 7	£820 8 7	£825 8 2
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1922. LIFE MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT.

Balance from 1921	Transferred to Revenue
£325 8 0	£325 8 0
BALANCE SHEET, Year e	ending December 31st, 1922.
LIABILITIES. & s. d.	ASSETS. £ s. d.
Life Membership Account 325 0 0	Net Balance at Bank 153 6 6
Revenue 136 13 0	In Hon. Secretary's Hands 2 17 11
Due S.A.C 12 0	Invested War Loan at cost price 306 0 7
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	£200 War Stock, 3½% (1925-28) £50 War Loan, 5% (1929-47) £52 12s. 7d. do. 5% P.O. (1929-47) £20 Exchequer Bond, 5½% (1925) P.O. all held by Barclay's Bank
£462 5 0	£462 5 0

January, 1923.

Audited and found correct, R. GRAHAM, Hon. Auditor.

The above Accounts audited by Mr. Reginald Graham, were presented at the January Meeting, 1923. The Properties of the Club, bookcase, books, model of Club hut "Britannia," etc., are valued at over £100, but are not included in the assets.

BOOKS IN OUR LIBRARY.

Above the Snow Line (presented by J. A. B. Bruce), C. T. Dent Adventures on the Roof of the World Mrs. Aubrey Le Blond Alpine Flowers and Gardens G. Flemwell Alpine Memories Emile Javelle Alps from End to End Sir W. Conway Alps and How to See Them Muddock Alps, The Arnold Lunn Alps, The Sir W. Conway Alpine Club Journal (complete set), also 129/136, 138, 144/8, 150, 214/7, 219/22, Vol. 1-30 Ditto Index
American Alpine Club (By-Laws and Register, 1919) Annals of Mt. Blanc
Annals of Mt. Blanc
Annual of the Mountain Club of S. Africa (1917-21) Around Kangchen-Junga
Ascent of Mt. Blanc (1837)
Ascent of Mt. Blanc (1837) Ascent of Mt. St. Elias
Ascent to the Summit of Mt. Blanc
copies of Reports since foundation)
Badminton Library (Mountaineering), 2 copies
Baedeker: Eastern Alps (1907)
Norway and Sweden
Switzerland (1913) Ball's Alpine Guide: The Central Alps (2 vols.)
Introduction, 1875
Pennine Alps, 1873
Western Alps
East Switzerland, 1876
Ball's Hints and Notes to Travellers in the Alps, 1899 Builtish Mountaineering (2 conies) C. E. Benson
British Mountain Climbs G. Abraham
British Mountaineering (2 copies) C. E. Benson British Mountain Climbs G. Abraham Building of the Alps (presented by the Author) J. G. Bonney Chamonix and Mt. Blanc Ed. Whymper
Chamonix and Mt. Blanc Ed. Whymper
Climbers' Guide to the Range of the Todi W. A. Coolidge Climbing in the British Isles (Wales and Ireland)
$W.\ P.\ Haskett-Smith$
Climbing in the Himalaya Sir Wm. Conway
Climbs in New Zealand Alps Fitzgerald
Climbers' Club Journals: Vol. 1, parts 1, 2, 4 Vol. 2, part 7
Vols. 3 to 13 complete
Years 1912/13/14/15
Club Hut Album of the S.A.C., 1911
Complete Mountaineer
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Disenchantment (presented by the Author) E. C. Montague Dauphiné Days J. Monroe Thorington, M.D. Defence of the Matterhorn against the Proposed Railway to its Summit F. W. Bourdillon Dolomite Strongholds J. Sanger Davies Dolomites Reginald Farrer Doldenborn and Weisse Frau
Early Mountaineers Francis Gribble English Lakes, The Bradley Five Months in the Himalayas A. L. Mumm Fell and Rock Climbing Club Journals, vols. 1 to 14 complete
Genevà Section S.A.C. Annual Reports, 1909, 1912 Girl in the Carpathiaus (1892)
Ditto (Savoy) Farts 1 and 2 (1879) Here and There among the Alps
How to Use the Aneroid Barometer Ed. Whymper Hours of Exercise in the Alps Tyndall Inscriptions from Swiss Chalets Walter Larden In Praise of Switzerland Harold Spender
Inauguration of the Cabane Britannia (1912) Jahrbüch des S.A.C., vols. 1 to 53 Ditto Supplement 1 to 17 Joy of Tyrol
Les Cinquante Premiere Annees du Club Alpin Suisse
Life of Man in the High Alps A. Mosso Matterhorn, The Guido Rey Melchior Anderegg, 1817-1914 Mountaineering Claude Wilson
Mountain Ascents J. Barrow, F.C.S. Monntains of Piemont Gilley Mountain Adventures Mrs. Main Mountaineering Art Raeburn
Mountain Craft
Mountaineering Pamphlets (Vol. 1) My Alpine Jubilee Frederick Harrison My Climbs in the Alps and Caucasus Mummery My Home in the Alps Mrs. Main
Mountain Adventures New Zealand Alpine Club Journal, Vols. 1 and 2 (presented by Rev. H. E. Newton) Noture in the Alps

Norske Turistforening Aarbok (1911) Oberland and its Glaciers (1866)
Peaks, Passes and Glaciers (1859) By Members of the Alpine Club
Ditto (1862), 2 vols. Physician's Holiday in 1848
Playground of Europe (First Ed.)
"," "," on Ropes, Axes and Alpenstocks Rock Climbing in North Wales
Rucksack Club Journal, 1921 Scrambles Amongst the Alps (1860-9) Scrambles in the East Graians Scenery of Switzerland Ski-Runner E. C. Richardson
Story of Alpine Climbing Francis Gribble Story of Mt. Blanc Albert Smith Story of the Hills Rev. H. N. Hutchinson Summer Holidays in the Alps (1898-1914) W. E. Durham
Summer Months amongst the Alps (1857)
", (Bündner Alpen) Switzerland in Winter
Tour of Mt. Blanc (1840)
Travels through the Alps
Untrodden Peaks & Unfrequented Valleys Amelia B. Edwards Vacation Tourist and Notes on Travels Francis Galton
Views in Wales North Walks and Climbs around Arolla Walter Larden Walks and Scrambles in the Highlands Bayley Wanderings among the High Alps (1858) A. Wills Winter Sports Annual (1912-1913) Sutton Croft
Work and Play of a Government Inspector H. P. Thomas Zermatt and the Matterhorn Ed. Whymper

In addition there are various illustrated Pamphlets.

LIST OF MAPS.

Alpine Club Map of Switzerland (4 parts), 1874 Chain of Mont Blanc, 1896
ITALIAN MAPS:
Aosta Gt. St. Bernard
Antronapiana Monte Rosa
Bannio Monte Bianco
Chatillon Valtournanche
Gressoney
SWISS MAPS:
Grimsel Siegfried
Meiringen-Triftgletcher Siegfried
Titlis-Sustenhoru Siegfried
C. T. LEHMANN, Hon. Librarian,

Old Manor House,

Gunnersbury Lane, W.

Members who borrow books are requested to enter their names in the book provided for the purpose and to return them as soon as possible.

ANNUAL DINNER

OF THE

ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH MEMBERS

OF THE

SWISS ALPINE CLUB.

The Annual Winter Dinner of the Association was held on Wednesday, November 22nd, at the Royal Adelaide Gallery (Gatti's Restaurant, Strand), the chair being taken by the President, Mr. A. E. W. Mason.

About 100 members and guests attended.

Amongst those present were: Mr. A. E. W. Mason (in the Chair), His Excellency the Swiss Minister, the Secretary Swiss Legation, Professor Norman Collie, President of the Alpine Club, Mr. J. E. C. Eaton (Hon. Sec. of the Alpine Club), the President of City Swiss Club, the Editor Swiss Observer, Mr. A. L. Bill (Midland Association of Mountaineers), and

W. Adams F. King-Stephen A. N. Andrews (Hon. Sec.) B. Lawford and guest C. T. Lehmann J. E. Montgomery and guest and 3 guests M. Bezencinet-Steinman Major M. G. Bradley J. Morgan R. S. Morrish R. J. Brocklehurst J. A. B. Bruce (Hon. C. Mottu and guests F. J. Newman Treasurer) (V.P.)R. C. C. Carr E. B. Noel E. R. Cleave Noel S. Odell J. M. Currie Louis Paul C. O. Cushen Potter-Kirby and guest H. E. Davison S. J. Price Dr. H. L. R. Dent and 2 H. G. Pulling (V.P.) guests (our new President)
Dr. J. Y. Dent Rev. Canon Ragg and guest W. M. Rappard J. T. Reed and guest Captain W. de M. Egerton, W. M. Roberts R.N., and guest G. C. Dimier (V.P.)F. N. Ellis R. B. Robertson J. O. Robson H. R. Room H. E. Evans N. S. Finzi, M.B. H. F. Sharpe P. H. Sharpe

Edgar Foa and guest

Dr. C. Fothergill and guest W. Franklin and guest H. J. Gait and guest J. C. Gait R. Graham and guest W. Green E. B. Harris Rev. Prebendary Heard Edwin S. Herbert G. Highton and 3 guests R. E. C. Houghton H. Hutchinson Rev. B. W. Isaac A. S. Jamonneau R. V. Johnson A. J. Julius and guest

W. S. Sharpe
R. H. Sennett and guest
H. S. Silver
E. Simmons
F. H. Somervell
Gerald Steel, C.B.
G. D. R. Tucker
H. Scot Tucker
P. J. H. Unna
C. R. Vandeleur
A. W. Wilson

W. A. Wright and guest

The Times

Press Association

A letter was received from Lord Hewart, Lord Chief Justice, regretting he was prevented from coming at the last moment by a severe cold.

Mr. A. E. W. Mason, the retiring President, presided and proposed the King and the other loyal toasts, which were heartily received.

Mr. Edgar Foa proposed "The Swiss Confederation." He said :--

Mr. Chairman, Your Excellency and Gentlemen,-The toast which has been committed to my charge is one which will not. I think, require many words in its support from me. It is a toast which is always honoured at these gatherings of ours, and for a very good reason. We are all indebted very greatly to Switzerland for all the things that she has done for civilisation, but we, members of this Association, have a still deeper debt to her. Of course, Switzerland herself is under a deep obligation to hature. Nature has poured into her lap gifts which she has vouchsafed to no other country in Europe. (Hear, hear.) And for us mountaineers-I speak rather as a back number myself, but still I may say I have been a mountaineer-for us mountaineers her climate is almost as the breath in our nostrils. and her mountains and valleys are the very poetry of such things. These glories of Switzerland she has always been ready to share. She has thrown open her gates and welcomed the stranger, to whatever nationality he belonged, with open arms. Not only that, she has known that it is impossible to make the great mountains yield up their secrets unless they are approached in the proper spirit. Accordingly she has built huts and scattered them profusely over her mountains, so that we may be able to approach them at the proper time and in a proper spirit. Now these glories, as I have said, are open to all. I am not here to say that the huts are comfortable. A man tells you he sleeps well in a hut and you generally laugh. Still, look at the glories which these huts enable us to enjoy. For my own part, and I daresay I shall be representing the feelings of many of you, when I say I do not think there is an hour of more crowded and more glorious life than the hour when you come out-after an uncomfortable night in the hutunder the stars and taste or feel the intensity of the stillness which reigns around. I think it is an impression you receive which is almost awful in its intensity, and for my part I know nothing that can compare with this in instilling feelings of awe and reverence in one's heart, than the intense stillness which reigns around. You hear nothing save, perhaps the sound of the mighty torrent thousands of feet below which ascends like the faint and haunting murmur of a dream, and you know then -I think you know under circumstances which you cannot equal anywhere else-what the poet meant when he talked about the silence which is in the starry sky, and the sleep which is amongst the lonely hills.

The hospitality which Switzerland extends to us is not confined to huts. It is well known that she has always attracted great and illustrious men to her shores, and to them she has vielded a hospitality which has made her famous in the annals of mankind. The names of Voltaire, Rousseau, and Gibbon leap to the lips when one refers to such a thing as this, and the mention of Gibbon's name reminds me that this is not the first time I have had the honour of addressing an assemblage like this with a similar toast committed to my charge, and it was under rather curious circumstances. When the Britannia Club hut was opened some ten years ago, the proceedings wound up, as proceedings of that kind do, with a banquet, and at the last moment I was told off to propose this toast in French, which is a thing that I was not at all accustomed to do. But fortified with a little Bouvier and having screwed up my courage to the sticking place. I managed to get through the ordeal, although I daresay the speech was not understood by those who heard it. I was put in as a sort of complement because the gentleman, whose name wild horses would not induce me to retail, who was told off for the purpose, was silent at the last moment. I mention this because I told a story on that occasion, I remember, which is the only part of the speech I do remember, about Gibbon. (Laughter.) I cannot for the life of me now think how I brought it in. It was not a bad story—(laughter)—and if you like I will tell it to you again, although one small portion of it may be in the foreign language which I was asked to employ on that occasion. The story is this, although it is a very bad way of beginning a story by telling you it is a good one: -There was a lady living at Vevey. She was of English birth, but had lived for a long time in Switzerland, and there was a doctor who was very sensible to her charms, a Swiss doctor. And Gibbon was also under the influence of those

tharms, and when he was present, although personally or physically he had not perhaps very much to recommend him, with the charm of his conversation he made the doctor, as it is colloquially termed, take a back seat. On one occasion, when Gibbon was pouring sweet nothings into the lady's ear, the medical gentleman was hurt and interposed, and said to Gibbon, "Quand Madame sera malade de vos fadaises, je la guerirai." Gibbon replied, "Monsieur, quand madame sera morte de vos recettes je l'immortaliserai." I see now how I brought it in, because I see what is the explanation. It was a tribute not only to the charms of the Swiss ladies, but a tribute to the skill of their medical men and also a recognition of their hospitality.

Passing from that, I would like, before I sit down, to say a word in praise of this toast, which is "The Swiss Confederation." I am not going to give you a lecture on the Swiss Constitution. I should not be capable of doing so; but I can say this, it must be a model of a constitution, and for this reason. In these days a great deal is talked about nationality as the only principle upon which a nation can be founded and can exist. In Switzerland you have and you have had for centuries a nation consisting of men of different races, professing different religions, speaking three or four different languages, all welded into one harmonious whole and living, as I have said, for centuries in peace and contentment with their constitution. It is a remarkable thing which you perhaps hardly find parallelled in the rest of Europe.

Again, it is not too much to say that the whole world is at present engaged in watching the result of the appeal which Switzerland will be making only a few days hence to her people, by means of the referendum, as to the advisability of levying a tax or capital. It seems such a simple and obvious method of ascertaining the wishes of the people on a very important matter, wishes which it is fitting thoroughly to recognise. Indeed there are those who think that the principle is capable of some extension, and that before our own income tax for instance is exacted from us in future, it is highly desirable that a direct appeal should be made to the people, by means of a referendum, is to whether they are desirous of paying it.

One word more before I sit down. One of our greatest mountaineers. I mean Sir Leslie Stephen, wrote a book which we all cherish and read with delight, "The Playground of Europe." Gentlemen, that was Switzerland. With equal fitness I suggest to you that Switzerland might be called the Council Chamber of Europe. You have all heard of the League of Nations. All our hopes for the future are concentrated on the League of Nations, and for this reason. When the resources of chemical science are brought in as they are to-day in support of the engines of destruction there is no doubt that wars of the future will result in whole nations being swept away. The only hope is in the success of the League of Nations, and accord-

ingly the League of Nations has been started. Gentlemen, where has the League of Nations been started? Why, of course, at Geneva. Geneva is a place which we both know and love so well, where the seed has been sown which, we trust, will ripen by and by into the rare and refreshing fruit which we all hope to be allowed to taste of. Again, we hear of the concert of Europe. The concert of Europe is wont to emit sometimes discordant notes, and there is a very discordant note being sounded now. There is one instrument—shall I call it a tin whistle? which hails from the Near East, which has a very bad crack Where do we send the crack to be mended? Lausanne. Why? Because all the most eminent tinkers in Europe are assembled at Lausanne. They are all endeavouring to mend that crack which has caused the discordant note in the concert of Europe which we all hope will last long. I think I have said enough to make you understand and to feel as I feel that Switzerland is a country which has deserved well of mankind—(hear, hear)—and it has deserved particularly well of the Association of British Members of the Swiss Alpine Club, and that being so I am sure I am only interpreting your own feelings when I ask you to drink this toast with me. I shall couple with it the no more fitting name than that of His Excellency the Swiss Minister, who represents that Republic within our shores.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE SWISS MINISTER said: -

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,-The speech we have just listened to is the kind of after-dinner speech I like to hear. It is not often given to me to listen to such a speech, but it is always given to me to listen to such a speech when I come to the British Association of the Swiss Alpine Club. That is the reason why of all the banquets I am, owing to the great hospitality of the British nation, invited to in the course of the year, there is none I look forward to with more joy than your annual banquet. (Hear, bear.) I can give you a proof that what I say is not a mere phrase. I have to-night a feeling of giddiness and silliness-(laughter)-the consequence of the injection of vaccine against smallpox which has been administered to me a few days ago, and which besides an inflammation on my arm has also, as you will notice in the course of my speech. a stulifying effect upon my brain. (Laughter.) Nothing would have induced me to present myself in such a state of physical and mental deficiency to such a distinguished assembly as yours but the desire, the irresistible desire, not to miss the annual banquet of the Swiss Alpine Club of 1922. Now. gentlemen, Mr. Foa has been so good as to say very nice things about Switzerland. It is, of course, a great treat to me to listen to that sort of speech, as I have said already, and even if he had not said all the nice things about my country and my people which he has just expressed. I should have known that he, as well as your Chairman and you all, are the best of friends we could find anywhere. And besides, there are hundreds, I may

say thousands of people in this country who give myself and all my compatriots who reside in Great Britain day by day proofs of their kind and generous feelings towards my country. But, gentlemen, there are exceptions. There are very few exceptions. They are fortunately very rare indeed, but there are. I may perhaps, if you will allow me, give you an example of an exception like that. Not that I attach any importance to the fact at all, but the case is not, I think, without a touch of humour, and I think it will amuse you to hear it. One of our most distinguished historians wrote before his death a history of Switzerland, I think it is from 1500 up to modern times, and this history has been translated into English by a learned countryman of yours, and has been, I am glad to say, duly appreciated by the British press. However, one of the London leading papers* has published in its columns a criticism of that book of which perhaps I may read to you a few sentences. I suppose it will amuse you to hear it. As you know, the Swiss are rather proud of their history, and I think that some of them are sometimes too proud. It is certainly a bad thing to be too proud. Some one who is too proud generally gets, sooner or later, snubbed. To listen to this those who are too proud have got their snub all right. (Laughter.) Here is what this gentleman said :-

"One would have said at the first blush that the artist who sets out to draw scenes from Swiss history is apt to draw a That country, so attractive to the eye, is curiously baffling to the historian. Apart from the distinction of contributing Zwingli to the last page of every encyclopædia it wears singularly few honours in European history, and the historical imagination falls back on the scenes in which nearly all the most prominent parts are played by foreigners. national Valhalla must contain little beyond heroic figures of chocolate merchants. (Laughter.) The bold gesture of William Tell is associated with a simple article of diet. Switzerland to the uninformed observer must always seem to be one of those fortunate countries which have a great deal of geography and very little of history. Delightful to the map maker and railway engineer, these favoured regions are equally delightful to the schoolboy, because there are no dates to remember. there was a declaration of Swiss Independence, no one is expected to know when it took place. Swiss history is the one subject which one may safely confess to ignore. There is no gleam of the old light, no faintest echo of the heavy step of the Swiss infantry. We have instead the mild tap at the door, the cautious tread, the bright deposited tray of our kind familiar Swiss with their 9,600 pairs of sheets and blankets and their 2,400 eiderdown quilts. (Laughter.) One has an uneasy feeling that if an invading army passed the Swiss frontier, its luggage would be taken upstairs—(laughter)—while a courteous management arranged to accommodate all officers above the rank of major in rooms with a view of the glaciers. (Laughter.) Even the Republican milk of mountain pastures is sold in tins at grocers' shops, whilst the citizens of the Confederation perform kindly but unimpressive duties in the grill room."

(Laughter.)

Now, gentlemen, there is one thing in this against which I most earnestly protest, and that is the assertion that the history lesson is a treat for the Swiss schoolboy. I know it by my own experience. There are dates in Swiss history, and there are dates outside of Swiss history, and these dates I had to learn for I don't know how many years-not only Swiss dates, but French dates and German dates and Italian dates and English dates, and I remember that I have been locked up for lunch because I could not say on what date Henry VIII married his sixth wife. (Laughter.) I am absolutely certain the man who wrote this article has been more fortunate than I, for nobody ever asked him in what year the Swiss warriors smashed to bits in 1476 the most powerful ring of the Continent which then existed. But there is one redeeming point in this article, and that is the one when he says one never knows what happens when an invading army comes to Switzerland. I will tell you. When an invading army of the British mountaineers comes to Switzerland, then, I own, they will have the mild tap on the door, and the cautious tread and the bright deposited tray of our kind familiar Swiss servant, and they will have 9,600 pairs of sheets and blankets and 2,400 eiderdown quilts, and even those of you who are below the rank of a major will get a room with a view to the Alps. Now, gentlemen, before I sit down, and talking of the glaciers, I should like to mention how sorry I am that we are not to-day, as in former years, honoured to greet amongst ourselves the greatest of all mountaineers, General Bruce. (Cheers.) In some ways I must say that his absence has rather a relieving influence upon me. The presence of that giant of mountaineers has always rather terrified me. If he were here to-day, I think I should have a feeling as if a man would stand in front of me twenty thousand feet high, in whose eyes, if I could see them, I would find a sort of expression of pity and astonishment-looking down on me on my field of activity three yards above sea level from twenty thousand feet bigh, looking at me and thinking, "There he is, the fellow who has never been on the top of a mountain. I should not have believed that any human being could look so small. (Laughter.)

Dr. H. L. R. Dent then said:

Mr. Chairman,—Before you ask for the next toast I should like to say I have just seen General Bruce who has had an attack of malaria and is laid up. He is better to-day, owing to my ministrations, and he asked me to express his deep regret he was not able to come here to-night.

^{*}The quotation refers to a criticism in "The Daily News," which was commented upon in "The Swiss Observer," of November 18th.

Mr. GERALD STEEL, C.B., proposing "The Alpine Club and Kindred Societies," said:—

Mr. Chairman, Your Excellency and Gentlemen,-Good wine needs no bush, and a good toast requires no beating about the bush. So I can be commendably brief. To dilate at any length to a company of this kind on the achievements and objects of climbing clubs is simply to preach to the converted. In these days it is very rare to find any one topic on which there is complete unanimity. We are always reading we should get out of Mesopotamia or leave Palestine or get out of Chanak, but I have never heard a Britisher suggest it is time we left the (Laughter.) The Alpine Club and Kindred Societies seem to me to be denominations or sects or orders of a great religion which is devoted to the worship of the mountains. The mountaineering clubs have one great advantage over all religious denominations. No one individual can with any decency belong to more than one denomination, but in the case of the climbing clubs you can belong to all of them without straining your conscience (although, of course, when Christmas time comes round and the demand for subscriptions, it may strain an already over-strained overdraft). One cannot approach a toast like this without making a distinction which, I hope, won't be regarded as invidious, when one places the Alpine Club first, both on account of its pre-eminence and on account of its seniority, and particularly on this occasion, because it is represented to-night by its very distinguished President. I was passing through Oxford Circus the other night on the way home, and I saw a very brightly illuminated notice, "The Amazing A.C. World Record." (Laughter.) Not being a motorist-I have not a car or even a Ford-I naturally thought this referred to a great publicity campaign on the part of the Alpine Club. (Laughter.) The other climbing club which is associated with this toast particularly is called the Midland Association of Mountaineers. I confess I am rather surprised at the title, because, although a Midlander myself, I have never heard of the Association. In fact, it seems rather incongruous that there should be Midland mountaineers. It seems like a Swiss Navy League. (Laughter.) I have always regarded the Midlands as being rather more associated with molehills than with mountains. There are a few hills, and as some of us who were at Rugby know, there is one particularly painful one which we used to have to run up. It is called Barby Hill. It is about one hundred and fifty feet high. After one has forced its north face and arrived at the top and enjoyed a "Bouvier" one gets rather a remarkable view. Looking to the westward there are the Malvern mountains eighty miles away. Looking eastward there is no other bump on the earth's surface of equal size until you come to the Ural Mountains. (Laughter.) There are members, I am sure, of the Geographical Society here, and they will find that that is absolutely correct. It is said to be a British characteristic that we take our pleasures very sadly.

I am sure it is equally a British characteristic, after we have taken those pleasures there is nothing we enjoy more than to foregather and go over them again with kindred spirits. There is nothing that is really comparable in any other form of sport to these gatherings of climbing and walking or scientific clubs. I am sure it is the aftermath of mountaineering and expeditions, this chewing of the cud, that is really the root of the great popularity and the affection in which we hold our mountaineering and touring clubs. Imagine what it would be if we were deprived of this. Can you imagine what would be the privations of a dumb golfer, a tongue-tied fisherman and worst of all a mute mountaincer? (Laughter.) certainly destroy half the pleasure of our achievement. I am afraid it is not possible to mention the names of all the clubs. There are some fifty well recognised among climbers, and so I merely confine myself to mentioning the two particularly associated with this toast, but I do ask you to drink the toast of those, which, though less active in a physical sense, are yet equally active in the geographical and scientific spheres and which have contributed so extraordinarily to the success of the mountaineering expeditions of the last century and particularly the last two years. (Hear, hear.) So I would ask you to drink the health of all Mountaineering Clubs and Kindred Societies, coupled with the names of Professor Collie and Mr. Bill-Professor Collie of the Alpine Club, and Mr. Bill of the Midland Association of Mountaineers.

Professor J. NORMAN COLLIE said: -

Your Excellency, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,-In answering to the toast of the Alpine Club I need hardly say that the Alpine Club is progressing very favourably at present, and I have no doubt that that is wholly due to the enthusiastic way in which its health is so often drunk at these meetings of mountaineers. (Laughter.) I have had to respond to so many of these that I am quite sure that the Alpine Club's health could not be anything else but most satisfactory. During the last year or so the Alpine Club has burst out again into great activity in sending under the aegis of the Geographical Society the expedition to Mount Everest. This expedition, as you all know, has yielded results even better than we could possibly have expected. We all know now what horrible things the poor people whom we sent out there had to suffer. They are frozen, they are nearly blown inside out, they are burnt with the sun, and if it had not been, I think, for the great liberality and, I may say, lavish expenditure of money on the part of Captain Farrar, they might even have not been able to live in some of the places they went to. Perhaps one of the greatest indignities they had to undergo there was from human beings, not from the weather, it was the imposition of oxygen. (Laughter.) I have been told by many people that oxygen is probably a most poisonous substance, and that we were doping those who were trying to get to the top of Mount Everest, that oxygen was

certainly a thing that could not be used by any self-respecting mountaineer, and that they would rather see Mount Everest unclimbed than climbed by the help of oxygen. It is no good pointing out to these people that oxygen in a bottle is no different from the oxygen in the air. The only difference is that it is slightly condensed. I do not know if those people who object to oxygen would have objected to our using condensed milk on the mountain and condensed anything else. And if it is a departure to use oxygen, so it is an innovation to use boots, because our ancestors never climbed mountains in boots. Still, I do not think, after all is said and done, it will do any harm to use oxygen. Personally I believe that people will get to the top of Everest without oxygen as well as with it. The only thing is they can get up very much more easily with the oxygen, just the same way as they could get up more easily with a good breakfast or good food if they can digest it.

Mr. Foa has said that when people go to the Alpine Huts, and say they sleep there, they are liars. (Laughter.) struck me rather, now that I am getting older and wiser, that possibly most of the people who came out of those huts in the carly morning in starlight and indulged in such an amount of pleasure and excitement on looking at the stars. I think if these people said they had enjoyed it so much, they possibly might also be guilty of what one might call a terminological inexactitude. (Cheers and laughter.) I must say whenever I have got up early in the morning with the stars, I have felt cold and miserable, and I have not enjoyed those magnificent feelings Mr. Foa talks of. And also, as I am getting older and wiser, I am beginning to wonder almost why people ever go and climb mountains at all. You do not get on the tops of the mountains excellent dinners, such as we have had to-night. Certainly you do not get any beds where you can go and sleep comfortably. You do not have fires to keep you warm. You feel extremely tired very often and sometimes suffer from mountain sickness, and on the whole I am still wondering why people climb mountains. There are so many objections to it. and I have therefore come to the conclusion it is possibly perhaps because it is good for them. The objectionable things as a rule that one has to do are extremely good for one, and the things that are nice and very easy are naughty, and, therefore, the climbing of mountains can be looked at from two different points of view, and if it is really naughty to climb mountains, then it might be nice, but if it is objectionable in many respects, I have no doube it is extremely good for one. I have heard a remark which perhaps I ought not to have heard from your Chairman when he said all the remaining speeches were going to be short. I thank you for having drunk the health of the Alpine Club.

Mr. A. L. Bill said:—

Your Excellency, Mr. President, and Gentlemen,—I can assure you I rise with very mingled feelings. First of all, naturally, it

is a great pleasure and privilege to be called upon to respond for, I suppose, the youngest body of mountaineers in this country, the Midland Association of Mountaineers, which is an absolute infant barely a year old, and I think it a little brutal to expect so young a child to be able to speak at all, much less make a speech. Of that you will have ample opportunity of judging. I do thank you very much on their behalf, and I can assure Mr. Steel that his estimation of the opportunities of our club for climbing are very well justified. I know, as an old Rugbeian myself, the terrors of the Barby Hill. I also can assure you neither on the Wrekin nor the Malverns is there very much opportunity for rock climbing. We are speculative rather than operative. (Laughter.) On the other hand, I can assure you that, much pleasure as it is, to have this opportunity, I do rise with considerable trepidation, feeling that it is absolutely impossible for me to follow the high level of oratory which we have heard from previous speakers, and especially to come immediately after the President of the Alpine Club, of which by the help of good friends and much use of the rope, I have become a very humble member. I am rather reminded of a remark of one of the guests at the recent Alpine Club Dinner. "We cannot all be climbers," and I am one of those, I am one of the "also rans," or possibly you might say "also crawls." I feel, to plagiarise again a speech made at an Alpine Club dinner, that I might be expected with others to sing the grand old hvmn:-

They climbed the steep ascent to Heaven, 'Mid peril, toil and pain,
O Lord, to us may grace be given
To follow in the train.

(Laughter.) That, I may say, is not original, but as no doubt many of those present know, it was part of a speech made deploring the increase of those means of communication into the sanctity of the high hills. Well, I have been told to be brief. At any rate, if I had not been told to be, I should be. I thank you very much on behalf of the Midland Association in that in the first year of our existence you have honoured us with an invitation and especially that you have honoured us with an opportunity of acknowledging that invitation, and I thank you very much for your hospitality, both on behalf of the Midland Association of Mountaineers and also (the Secretary allows me to add) the French Alpine Club.

Mr. T. H. Somervell said :-

Your Excellency, Mr. President, and Gentlemen,—My fellow Rugbeian has already told me that I am a member of a denomination, but I do not know which it is, because I am a member of very nearly all the societies which come under the ruling of the Act, except the Midland Association. I think, having been at Rugby, I ought to join that too. (Laughter.) I am a member of the oldest of the Societies, the Alpine Club,

and of the best of them, the Fell and Rock Club. I shall be brief and certainly not exceed five minutes. I have been in England a week, having come back from Everest. During that week I have made two speeches, one of them lasting an hour. Professor Collie has already challenged me to make a statement about oxygen. At any rate by the tone of his remarks, if not by the remarks themselves, it seems to be rather a vexed question. I had forgotten all about it in India, but having come home I find everybody is talking about oxygen, and I feel something is expected upon the subject from me. Personally, when making the small attempt on Everest which I did make, I did not use it, but I have nothing against it, in the same way that I have nothing against the use of howitzers with which to shoot pheasants. (Laughter.) If you cannot shoot pheasants without using a howitzer by all means use it. If you cannot climb Everest without oxygen by all means use it. If I could not climb Everest without oxygen, I should certainly be a protagonist of that substance. As I am perfectly sure I could climb without, I feel it is better to try to do it without, but I have no theory on the subject whatever, so I cannot contribute to the discussion. I therefore in other words refuse to allow my leg to be pulled. (Laughter.)

Professor Collie also mentioned something about privatious that we people on Everest underwent. As a matter of fact, the arrangements were so admirable one really had no privations to complain of, and most of the ones you have read about were the inventions, like so much of the election news, of the Press. The only real hardship I personally underwent during that expedition was that six weeks before we got to Darjeeling my baccy ran out. That never got into the papers. It was much worse than all the umpteens below zero that was written about.

As this is a gathering especially of the Swiss Alpine Club, of which I am proud to be a member, and therefore especially connected with the Alps, I feel in the rest of my five minutes I ought to just say a few words-if you will excuse a split infinitive-about the difference one has found between the Himalayas and the Alps. When I was trying to climb up Mount Everest I found myself envying those of my fellow men here on the real mountains, the Alps. I am only too pleased to find when I got bere that they had a pretty bad year of it. (Laughter.) I would not have missed last year for anything, but I feel this year one really had almost as good a time on the Himalayas as they had on the Alps. But there is no comparison between the Everest group of mountains and the familiar groups in the Alps. The Alps have it every time. The Everest group, though they are so colossal in size, rise from a tremendous altitude, as you know. One goes up to a height of 21 or 22 thousand feet to reach the base of Everest, so that the actual mountain itself, considered from the mountaincer's point of view, is very little bigger than the average Alpine peak. I saw nothing on Everest to compare with the view of Monte Rosa nor the view of Mont

Blanc and several other peaks and views in Switzerland which one could mention, and one must say that one was really disappointed in many ways with the Himalayas. Of course, we had with us Dr. Longstaff, the Himalayan climber of great experience, and he assured me that all the Himalayas except Everest were much wore interesting. (Laughter.) Of course, Dr. Longstaff was one of those that went home early and was perhaps not afflicted with undue optimism at the time. Coming home I passed through Sikkim. The mountains of Sikkim surpassed altogether in beauty those of the Everest group. would be invidious to compare them with the Alps, but one must own the extraordinary beauty of such mountains. These mountains are really, I think, unsurpassed even by the Alps. On the whole I have come to the conclusion that the Alps are much finer for a climber than the Himalayas, and I think a gathering of the Swiss Alpine Club a very fitting occasion on which to compare the two. I congratulate your Excellency on being the Minister for the country which really has "the" mountains. May I also on behalf of all the miscellaneous societies, to some of which I belong and to some of which I don't, thank you all very much for drinking our healths.

THE PRESIDENT, proposing "The Guests," said :-

Your Excellency and Gentlemen.—It now falls upon me to propose the toast of "The Guests." You might almost think it had been done, but it has not. We should have had here tonight the Lord Chief Justice, who unfortunately has been smitten with cold at the last moment, and sent us a note to say that he could not come. Well, gentlemen, we are so used to having at all events one judge at these annual dinners that all this evening I have been feeling as if I have been coming to dinner without my braces on. (Laughter.) It is reasonable that this Club should have a judge at its dinner, because after all I think almost the greatest originator of Alpine exploration was a judge, Mr. Justice Wills. It was he and those of his day who broke through that tradition of the 18th and the early part of the 19th century which looked upon mountains as stupendous and terrible things, to be inspected by poets from the flat, but not to be assumed as they have assumed now, the less dignified, but more pleasant position of the playground of Europe, as Mr. Foa said. Well, we have here, in spite of his absence, a number of distinguished guests; some of whom have already replied to speeches, and I have a sort of regret that I did not propose the toast of the Alpine Club and Kindred Societies, because one of the gentlemen who replied to it. Mr. Bill, had at one time, I think, worked politically against me when I was a member for Coventry, and I might have bad a chance of getting a little of my own back. (Laughter.); Amongst the guests we have here, apart from the Swiss Minister. M. Martin. Councillor to the Swiss Legation, and M. De Cintra, President of the City Swiss Club. You see, gentlemen, that lets me in to do again what has really been done, making remarks about the League of Nations, Lausanne, and all the rest of it, but I am not going to do it. I am just going to say I agree very much with the President of the Alpine Club and his remarks about the huts. It is extraordinary how the same thing well strike differently upon different minds, because it has always seemed to me that the intense moment of relief that Mr. Foa experienced when he got out of the uncomfortable . Alpine hut was the moment when I felt most intensely that the discomfort of huts had been greatly exaggerated. (Laughter.) We have had Mr. Somervell speaking. I got the most pessimistic opinions from his speech, because if ascending Mount Everest with the help of oxygen is comparable to shooting a pheasant with a howitzer it will never be ascended at all. I cannot imagine anything more difficult in the world than to go after pheasants with a howitzer. I have to couple with the toast the name of Mr. Noel, who is the Secretary of Queen's Club, an expert of racquets and tennis and an authority on all ball games, and every kind of sport except mountaineering. So it is very fitting be should reply to the toast of the guests at a club of this kind, because he is just preparing everybody to go up on a mountain. It is like the headmaster of a preparatory school, if I may say so. He is just preparing people for Eton. I therefore have the greatest pleasure in calling upon Mr. Noel to reply to the toast of the Guests.

Mr. Noel said:-

Your Excellency, Mr. Chairman, and Gentlemen,—As several men of the Everest expedition will understand perfectly well, I am speaking as proxy. It has been an enormous pleasure to myself and I am sure everyone of the guests to be here tonight. I do know a little about climbing, not climbing the Alps. I always considered myself a grand expert in red brick climbing at Trinity College, Cambridge. (Laughter.) I have seen a lot of ball games, and whatever sport there is it is good as long as it is good amateur sport. May I thank you very much on behalf of the guests for this most delightful evening.

Mr. C. T. LEHMANN in proposing the health of the President, Mr. A. E. W. Mason, said:—

One of the minor forms of amusement attendant upon public dinners is a mild gamble with one's neighbour as to the particular form of opening that will be adopted by the different speakers to introduce their subject. There is the frankly deprecatory sort "unaccustomed as I am to public speaking," "conscious of my unworthiness," etc. There is the man of the "England expects every man to do his duty" type, who blames the Secretary for a belated and unsatisfactory choice; but is ready "to do his best," and is very often his worst. There is the confident type, whom we have heard so far to-night, who

know they are about to deliver a good speech, and anxious that you should have it at once. I am going to leave you guessing as to which of these I should have adopted, had I not by this subterfuge avoided my first fence and got into my stride

without the preliminary jump.

An unassuming member of a club naturally feels a certain diffidence when he addresses the President, the more so when, as in this case, the President is both past and present, and he is bound to make personal allusion with unavoidable discomfort to one as sensitive and shy as my subject. The diffidence is intensified when, as now, the humble member is a Librarian—a mere compiler of catalogues—and the President happens to be a writer of books. I should be "the Gentleman with a Duster;" I am afraid I can only be a man with a brush! With that brush I must endeavour to paint, for the benefit of those who have not often been here, a picture of one who has been our President from 1913 to the present day.

First as to the outer man: When he stood up just now you saw before you a tall, elegant, athletic figure, with a Napoleonic wisp of dark hair crowning handsomely chisciled features. The appearance is reminiscent of a beau of the Regency period, and I feel that if you dress him in a red coat, and squeeze him into white buckskin breeches, you will confirm the suspicions that I have long held that before you is the model used by a leading firm of whiskey distillers for their well-known advertiscment. In these pictorial displays he is described as having been "born in 1820 and still going strong." This does him less than justice; we know that he was not born in 1820, and I can say from personal experience—and many of you will confirm—that the whiskey in question is certainly weaker than it used to be, while our President is going stronger every day, warming our hearts and cheering our spirits more than he has ever done.

In reproduction the picture has lost much of its pristinc beauty, and I trust that as some form of compensation the firm in question makes heavy and frequent payment in *kind*, and, as the contract must have been entered into in pre-war days, that

it is carried out in pre-war spirit!

This, however, is but the outer shell; what of the man himself? I must proceed from the general impression of the man to the particular regard we have for him.

To hundreds of thousands, nay to millions, he is a wizard who wafts us away, not on the old-fashioned magic carpet, but on the more modern, but more exiguous, type-writer ribbon. right out of our present murky surroundings, to all the corners of the earth; who takes us from orderly—often monotonous—occupations, to spheres of virile action, to deeds of adventure, of heroism; from selves unrevealed, sometimes unappreciated, to realms where vice meets its well deserved fate, where virtue and beauty receive rewards which life, as we know it, too often withholds. To the world he is a master of graphic description, a limner of delicate phrase.

To many he is a keen sportsman; at home both on the relatively stable mountain, and on the unstable sea; betraying by his absorption in these two pursuits that he is a clean minded lover of unspoilt Nature, and not a wooer of artificial sport, or a selfish hunter of hectic pleasures attendant upon the Fickle Goddess.

For us in particular he has a special charm. He became President in 1912, and will have the honour of having been President for longer time than any other. I was glancing through our Annual Reports the other day, and I noticed that on the first two he is described as "A. E. W. Mason, Esq.," then it became "Captain Mason," then "Major Mason," and now again it has become "A. E. W. Mason, Esq." Just those few words give a whole history of those 10 years; during some of them his services were claimed by the Nation for duties and occupations of far greater importance than those of this club, and carried them through, as one happens to know, with even more assiduity and ability than he has ever had the opportunity of displaying in the limited field afforded by the Presidency of the A.B.M.S.A.C. Even during that time no appeal to him on behalf of the Association was ever neglected, nothing he could ever do for us was laid aside on the excuse of important National work. With his return to civil life, he has given us once more the benefit of his experience in all matters connected with the club.

The portrait I have attempted to paint so far for those who are not so familiar with him must, I am afraid, turn out to be but a thumbnail sketch, for time does not allow of more; but those of us who have had the opportunity of seeing him here many times have a much fuller and richer portrait in our minds. We see a President who has had a personality more than office. A personality that makes at once a curious, almost wistful, appeal to one's affections, and I should think it is rarely, if ever, refused. We have heard him speak often; we hope to hear him speak often again. Many have the gift of words, some have the power of thought, few are blest—as he is—with the ability to clothe with felicitous phrase the thoughts that are poetic and true.

Mr. Mason, I claim the proud privilege of being able to tell you on behalf of the whole of the Members of our Association how we regret that your term of Presidency should have ended; but that these regrets are tempered—nay are enshrined, in memories of so loving a nature that to all of us these 10 years will count among the happiest in the life of the Association, and that it is your charm and your personality that have made them so. May you live many more years to bestow these gifts, not only on us, but also on the much wider—but not warmer—circle of friends which you must possess outside the A.B.M.S.A.C. (Cheers)

THE PRESIDENT said :-

Your Excellency and Gentlemen,-I am a very shy man, and in replying to this toast for the last time I wish to thank you all very heartily for the consideration you have shown to your President during these ten years. It has been a time of great vicissitudes in the history of this country, and our activities as a Club, of course, did cease for four years. I am followed by Dr. Dent, who has done so much and worked so hard for the British Association of the Swiss Alpine Club, and you know and I know that all that can be done to extend and strengthen and promote this Association will certainly be done by him. will also have the privilege of replying at the end of all the annual dinners to the toast of the Chairman. He may find it is not so humorous as it is to the rest of the audience. (Ltr.) But he will get used to that. He has jolly well got to. Anyway, I thank you very much indeed for the kindly way in which you have received this toast, and in wishing you farewell as your President, I do not say farewell as a member. I am now Vice-President in perpetuity of this Club and shall hope to attend its dinners and its meetings as I have done in the past. (Cheers.)

THE

ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH MEMBERS

OF THE

SWISS ALPINE CLUB.

RULES.

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, 436, Strand, W.C.

3. CONSTITUTION.

Officers-President

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

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

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.

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/-.

For those elected before 1921 it is optional whether they pay 5/- or 10/- subscription or £2 2s. Od. or £4 4s. Od.

for Life Membership.

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 November 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 bas 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.

* Vear ends 31st 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 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 and LIBRARY.

The Committee shall have power to hire premises for the purposes of the Association, and have done so at Gatti's, 436, Strand, W.C. (2nd floor).

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.

16. RETIRED LIFE MEMBERS.

Life Members of the Association who have ceased to be members of the Swiss Alpine Club may remain members of the Association and enjoy its privileges excepting that they shall not be eligible to fill any office of the Association or to vote at any of the meetings.

HOW TO BELONG TO THE 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 francs a year and 20 francs 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 himself, 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 £4 4s. 0d. 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.

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; , fortnightly paper and

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

monthly magazine in a French section free; the Jahrbüch, a well-illustrated Annual, half-price (9½ 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.

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.

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. 1923.

(CORRECTED TO FEBRUARY 21st, 1923.)

*Indicates Life Member at #2 2s. 0d.: ** Life Member at £4 4s. 0d.: Italics, Hon. Member: 'AC.' Alpine Club. Sections of S.A.C. in brackets.

Adams, W. (Geneva), Orchard House, Saffron Walden *Aitkin, S., 'AC.' (Geneva), 26, Chemin de la Grandelle, Chene-Bougeries, Geneva Allan, A. N. (Geneva), Ecclesiastical Commissioners, 1, Millbank, Westminster, S.W. Allen, B., 'AC.' (Montreux), 14, Gainsboro' Gardens, Hamp-stead, N.W.3 Allen, Dr. Freeman, 'AC.' (Oberland), 200, Beacon Street, Boston, U.S.A. *Anderson, J. G. (Geneva), 2, Edgridge Road, Croydon Andrews, A. N., 'AC.' (Grindelwald), Hon. Sec., 21, St. Stephen's Square, Bayswater, W.2 Anstie, E. L. (Geneva), 7, Lansdown Crescent, Bath Ashby, R. C., 'AC.' (Diablerets), 16, Northlands Road, South-

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- *Dent, Dr. J. Y., 'AC.' (Diablerets), St. Pancras House. Kings Road, N.W.1
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- *Dixon, W. S., 'AC.' (Geneva), Overslade School, Rugby Dodd, H. M. F., 'AC.' (Geneva), 62, Bolingbroke Road, London, W.14
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