THE ASSOCIATION OF

BRITISH MEMBERS

SWISS ALPINE CLUB

(ESTABLISHED 1909)

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Association of British Members of the Swiss Alpine Club

1929

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ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH MEMBERS

OF THE

SWISS ALPINE CLUB

The Annual Report, Accounts and Balance Sheet for 1928

THE OBJECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION, &c.

The Association of British members of the Swiss Alpine Club was founded in 1909, with the main object of encouraging climbers and walkers in this country to join that Club. The S.A.C. (to give it its usual abbreviation) is nearly as old as the Alpine Chib itself, and for over half a century has gone on steadily with its work of making the Alps accessible to climbers and others, in particular by building the 90 or more Club Huts which now exist. Before this Association came into being there had been many British members of the Club. But these were the exceptions rather than the rule, partly because the average British climber had no idea how to join, and partly because it did not occur to him that there was any point in doing so. But among those who were members, there were some who felt that such a state of affairs ought not to continue; that if our climbers used the huts, they should do something to help to maintain them, and that by some means it should be made easy to join the S.A.C. The energy of Mr. J. A. B. Bruce created a strong Committee, which undertook this matter and brought this Association into being under the late Mr. T. Clinton Dent as President. Within two years of the start there were 300 members and their number has continued to grow. result of our activities is that the proportion of our countrymen who climb in the Alps and are now members of the S.A.C. is very large, and most of them are also members of this Association.

At the same time it was felt that there was need for a rallying point over here for these "clubists," and as it is not possible, by the rules of the S.A.C., for a section to be formed outside Switzerland, as was the case with the D.Oe.A.V. (which had a section at Manchester at one time), the Association acquired a room in which its members could meet together, and took upon itself something of the functions of a Club. All these arrangements were only undertaken after consultation with the Central Committee of the S.A.C., and the latter cordially welcomed the enterprise. In addition, as it was felt that we British climbers owed Switzerland something for past remissness, the fund to build the Britannia Hut was started and the building successfully carried through by 1912.

The Association has been able, in many ways, to cooperate with our Swiss colleagues, and at times to represent to them our views on mountaineering matters. On the other hand, the Central Committee has always looked on us with the greatest favour and has dealt very cordially with anything we have put before it.

The number of members is now 620, and in size is, with the exception of the Alpine Club, probably the largest club interested mainly in mountaineering in these islands.

An analysis of the list of members shows their distribution among the various sections to be as follows:—

Altels		8	Grindelwald	25
Bern		16	Interlaken	12
Diablerets		76	Monte Rosa	42
Geneva		357	Oberhasli	22
	Othe	r Sections	33	

The membership of the Swiss Alpine Club itself is now approaching 25,000 in about 80 sections.

NEW MEMBERS.

Twenty-nine new members have joined during the past year, but 23 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 are now:—		
December 31st, 1928		643
Less Resignations, Deaths, &c., during	1928	23
Total, January 1st, 1929		620

Of these, 205 are Life Members, 14 Honorary Members, 389 Ordinary Members, and 12 on the Retired List.

PROGRESS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

June,	1909		Members	26	
Dec. 31st,	1909	·	,,	120	
٠,,	1910		,,	250	
,,	1911		,,	330	
,,	1912		,,	386	
,,	1913		,,	426	
,,	1914		,,	451	(War)
,,	1915		,,	440	,,
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,,	1917		,,	410	,,
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,,	1923		**	496	
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,,	1925		,,	582	
,,	1926		,,	620	
,,	1927		,,	644	
,,	1928		,,	643	

THE ADVANTAGES OF BELONGING TO THE SWISS ALPINE CLUB.

Quite apart from the sentimental feeling that a member of the S.A.C. is helping mountaineers in the country in which he is a guest to add to the amenities of the sport, the definite material advantages are set out below.

RIGHTS IN THE S.A.C. HUTS.

Members of the Club, together with their wives, have priority of right to the sleeping places and in many huts there is a room for members only; next after members come the ladies' Swiss Club, and then the kindred clubs, such as the French A.C. Anyone else is really in a club hut on sufferance. In addition a member pays, in most huts, only I franc per night, and a non-member 3 francs. Those who intend to climb have priority over others in the same category. A member may introduce his wife and children (under 20 years of age) on the same terms as himself.

It is worth remembering, in connection with projected visits to huts that while a Section may reserve a hut for its members to the extent of three-quarters of its capacity only, one-quarter is always available for others of the S.A.C. It is generally worth the trouble before going to a hut to ascertain from a local hotel-keeper whether a hut is so reserved, and if it is, to go up there early in the day. As a rule these reservations may not be made on Saturdays and Sundays. It is when one comes down to a hut on a day when it has been reserved, that the advantages of membership are most precious.

A few of the huts in Switzerland do not belong to the S.A.C., but as a rule these are run in close alliance with that Club and the special regulations make little difference to members of the S.A.C.

REDUCTIONS ON RAILWAYS.

But the matter which, perhaps, makes the greatest appeal to many people is the advantages due to the large reductions made to members on the mountain railways (except in the Engadine). In taking a holiday in some districts a member saves, in these reductions, considerably more than his subscription to the Club.

For convenience we publish the official list of the reductions, somewhat abbreviated, from the "Die Alpen," February, 1929.

These reductions, as a rule, apply only to a member, and do not include his wife and children.

- 50% Aigle-Leysin; Aigle-Sépey-Diablerets; Arth-Rigi (includes wife and children); Brunnen-Morschach-Axenstein; Chantarella-Cotviglia; Furka-Oberalp; Gerschni-alp; Gornergrat; Interlaken-Harder; Interlaken-Heimwehfluh; Montreux-Glion, Territet-Glion, and Glion-Rochers de Naye; Oberalp (see Furka); Ritom; Stanserhorn; Visp-Zermatt.
- 40% Bex-Gryon-Villars and Villars-Chésieres-Bretaye (Chamossaire); Sierre-Montana-Vermala.
- 30% Jungfrau; Leukerbad; Martigny-Châtelard; Monthey-Champéry-Morgins; Nyon-St. Cergues'-Morez; Schöllenen.
- 25% Berner Oberland; Chamonix-Montanvers; Lauterbrunnen-Mürren; Muottas-Muraigl; Rechtsufrige Lake of Thun Railway (for the complete circuit Thun-Interlaken); Schynige Platte; Solothurn-Zollikofen-Bern (for groups of three); Wengernalp.
- 20% Braunwald; Martigny-Orsiéres; Stansstad-Engelberg; Lake of Thun to Beatenberg.
- 15% Niesen.
- 10% Mont Blanc (St. Gervais to Glacier de Bionnassay).

There are also minor reductions in connection with motor-cars in one or two places.

To obtain these reductions it is absolutely necessary to present the card of membership when booking.

It is worth noting that these reductions are mostly available to members of the corresponding Ladies' Swiss Alpine Club, so that the old feminine grievance that only the men got any reductions is now a thing of the past, if

ladies will join their Swiss Club. In this connection, the Hon. Secretaries may be able to advise members how their friends of the other sex may join the ladies' club, which does not seem to be so well known as it might be. We may add that the badge of the ladies' club is a particularly attractive one.

HOW TO JOIN THE SWISS ALPINE CLUB.

It is often thought by non-members that some qualification is necessary to join the S.A.C. This is not the case. Anyone can join who can find a proposer and a seconder. The following is the procedure for anyone who wishes to join:

Write to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. C. T. I, ehmann, 28, Monument Street, E.C.3, or to one of the Hon. Secretaries (letters should be marked S.A.C. on the envelope); in this letter the writer should state whether he wishes to join a French, German, or Italian-speaking section.

Arrangements will then be made for the joining of a particular section, and an entrance form will be sent. If the aspirant has no one to propose or second him, suitable arrangements will be made to obviate this difficulty. The entrance form, when filled in, must be returned in all cases to Mr. Lehmann, together with a small photograph, passport size, and the necessary subscription and entrance fee.

For the benefit of those who leave things until the last moment, we would point out that arrangements have been made whereby members of the Geneva and the Diablerets Sections (both of which are French-speaking Sections) can be enrolled at *this* end. This takes a week or ten days. Normally it takes about two months, as in the case of all other sections it is necessary to communicate with the local Committees.

It will be seen from the list at the end of this Report that the yearly subscriptions to the sections vary considerably. Thus, anyone joining the Geneva section would pay yearly £15s., and the entrance fee to the S.A.C. of 5 francs, together with the entrance fee to the section of 20 francs, so that the

first year the cost would be £2 5s., and afterwards £1 5s.; for, say, the Grindelwald Section these sums would be £1 10s. and £1 1s.

In addition, the subscription to the Association is 10sand no entrance fee. Anyone who joins the Association may pay through Mr. Lehmann by sending him a Banker's Order, which is the most convenient way, or by remitting him each January the necessary subscription. The Association is willing to arrange for anyone to join the S.A.C., but only continues the remittances to Switzerland for those who join the Association as well. Life membership of the Association only costs £4 4s.

CARDS OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE S.A.C.

The Swiss Alpine Club Membership Card (the buff card with the member's photograph inside) is usually issued every three years, but the new Central Committee has decided that the old cards shall continue to be available for 1929, provided the gummed slip with the owner's name on, and the signature of the Section Treasurer which was issued this year with the official receipt for the year's subscription, is placed on the left hand side of the inside cover. It is very necessary for all members to be careful about this procedure for it is different from what has been done the last two years, and next year the old procedure will be resumed.

Loss of Membership Card.—It is inevitable that someone or other should lose his card, and this is most likely to be discovered at holiday times. If such a loss occurs, it is best for the member concerned to write direct to his Section Treasurer, as our own officials are quite likely to be away at such a time, and in any case can only refer the matter to Switzerland. To avoid delay a photograph should be sent at the same time.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Brigadier-General the Hon. C. G. Bruce has been re-elected President for 1929. The Vice-Presidents, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Auditor, the Hon. Secretaries and Hon. Solicitor for the ensuing year were re-elected at the Annual Meeting on November 28th, 1928 (for names see inside cover), Mr. Andrews was elected Hon, Librarian.

Since the Annual Meeting Mr. Andrews has found it necessary to resign from the post of Hon. Secretary and the Committee elected Mr. M. N. Clarke in his place.

THE COMMITTEE.

The following retired from the Committee: C. Mathew, R. B. Robertson, R. H. Sennett and G. Steel. In addition, J. Baer, having retired to live in Switzerland, there was a vacancy among the co-opted members. The Committee have elected in his place Mr. A. Duruz, the London Manager of the Swiss Federal Railways, once more being able to elect an influential member of the Swiss community living in London.

At the Annual Meeting the ordinary vacancies were filled by M. N. Clarke (Monte Rosa), who has now become Secretary, B. C. Harward (Diablerets), Capt. E. Gueterbock (Geneva), and S. de Vesselitsky (Geneva).

FINANCE.

The accounts have been audited by Mr. W. Adams, the Hon. Auditor. There is a balance on Revenue for the year 1928 of £64 15s. 4d., but to this must be added the accumulated Balances of nineteen years, £317 13s. 9d., making a total of £382 9s. 1d. The Life Membership Reserve Fund now stands at £553 2s., partly invested in War Loan in the names of J. A. B. Bruce and W. M. Roberts, as Trustees, there is also Deposit at the Bank, £400. For further particulars see the Balance Sheet on Page 19.

ANNUAL DONATION FROM 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.

CHANGE OF SECRETARY.

Members are requested to note that Mr. M. N. Clarke is now one of the Hon. Secretaries in place of Mr. Andrews. His address is 48, Cranley Gardens, S.W.7. All communications regarding the Club Dinners should be sent to him.

THE HONORARY TREASURER.

All communications concerning subscriptions should be sent to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. C. T. Lehmann, 28, Monument Street, E.C.3.

THE WORK OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The necessary qualification for membership of the Association is membership of the Swiss Alpine Club, but life members of the Association who have retired from the S.A.C. may remain as members of the Association, but they may not hold office or vote at meetings

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The Association undertakes to collect and forward member's subscriptions to Switzerland, but it is a very great convenience and saving of trouble to the Honorary Treasurer if members give him a Banker's Order for whatever is due to their section. Those who do not do so should take care to send their subscriptions in *promptly on January 1st*, as the sections expect early payment and are apt to strike late payers out of their lists early in the year.

THE CLUB ROOM AND LIBRARY.

The Library and Club Room are at the Comedy Restaurant, 38, Panton Street. The room is open on Wednesday evenings for use of the members and may be used at other times, if not engaged for other purposes. A list of books in the Library is printed elsewhere in this Report, and the Hon. Librarian will be glad of suggestions as to additions. Books may be borrowed and any borrower should enter his name in the book provided for the purpose.

INFORMAL DINNERS.

A dinner is held on the fourth Wednesday each month. with the exceptions below. These take place in a special room at the restaurant, which is best reached from the side door in Oxenden Street. Three times a year ladies' dinners are held. On these occasions and on the occasion of the Annual Dinner, the Comedy Restaurant is unable to provide a room large enough for the numbers who attend. For these dinners, time and place is announced in a special circular. The ordinary dinners are at 7.30 p.m. Members wishing to dine should send in their names to the Hon. Secretary, M. N. Clarke, 48, Cranley Gardens, S.W.7, as early as possible, and not later than the preceding Monday, stating the fact if they wish to bring guests. The price of the dinner is 5s. 6d. At the ladies' dinners, lantern slides are usually shown. On occasion of the ordinary dinners, members who are unable to dine may come in after dinner. These dinners afford a good opportunity for young climbers to meet together and get to know one another. There are no dinners in August and December.

DATES OF DINNERS FOR 1929.

January 23rd, February 27th, March 27th, April 24th, May 22nd, June 26th, July 24th, September 25th, October 23rd.

The three dinners in March, June and September are those to which ladies may be invited; in each case a special notice will be sent out for these dinners.

The Annual Dinner in November will also be the subject of a special notice.

THE BRITANNIA HUT.

The repair, extension and re-conditioning of the Britannia Hut has now been almost carried through, and our members, particularly those who have subscribed to this object, will be glad to have full details of what has been done.

The work is being done by Camille Brantschen, who has had experience of similar work at two other huts, and all that he has done is well spoken of by those who know. The cost of the whole reconstruction is estimated at £1,470, including £120 for blankets and £240 for interior furniture. Towards this large sum the Central Committee has voted £320, leaving £1,150 to be raised from other sources. would be a fine gesture of British mountain lovers towards Switzerland if the total amount of £1,150 could be raised in this country. But it does not seem likely that this can be Nevertheless, considering how things are over here, the response to the appeal by the Association has been by no means unsatisfactory. Many people told that we should not get more than a quarter of the sum required. We have, however, already transmitted £350 to Switzerland to the Geneva, who are actually responsible for the upkeep of the Hut, and we have about £100 in hand with a promise of something like £100 more. The Ski Club of Great Britain has taken great interest in the fund and raised a large sum as will be seen in the list of subscribers to be published shortly. We should like to raise at least £800 if possible.

It has been suggested that many people would give a larger sum spread over two or three years than they could afford at once. The Committee have decided that those who would like to do this may spread their subscription out if they wish, and the fund would be credited at once with the total amount they propose to give.

The actual work began last summer, and several members of our Committee visited the Hut in August and saw that the foundations were by then completed and the new walls up to a considerable height.

There is one point in connection with the reconstruction which has perturbed some prospective subscribers, and that is the new path from Almagell to the Hut. It was said that this new path would only help to overcrowd the already popular Hut. This path goes up in zig-zags from Almagell to join the Plattje path at the foot of the Keschen Glacier, and its existence has helped very much in the carting of materials for the construction. But it is not a path that will prove to be so excessively popular that there need be any fear of that it will contribute seriously to any over-crowding. It is much too steep for that, and the way by the Plattje is much more attractive to the ordinary non-climber. certainly will not be chosen by many who start from Saas Fee. It will no doubt assist the ardent mountaineer coming up from Stalden who is in a hurry and who does not mind a heavy grind if it saves him time, but, even without this path, such as these would not change any plans because of its existence. For the upkeep of the Hut the new way will be really useful.

The alterations at the Hut will be completed early this summer and it is hoped to have a formal re-opening in July, when it is hoped that the Association will be suitably represented. Due notice of this ceremony will be given in a special circular.

The work that has had to be done is really much more than an extension of what was there before. The old building is only a half of what now exists, the Hut has been doubled in size by extension in the direction of the Allalinhorn. The new part is in stone, and luckily the stone of the mountainside was of suitable quality for the purpose, and saved a lot in the cost. The old Hut has been repaired in such a way that it will be possible to face it with stone, when in years to come any further re-conditioning is necessary, and mountain huts do not last for ever in their exposed situations. We are informed that very little remains to be done this spring, beyond putting on the final touches, and getting up the furniture.

There is little more to say, except to ask the many who are interested in the undertaking and who have put aside our appeals will hurry up and sign their cheques, remembering that British money built the Hut and it would be a great thing for our prestige if the same could be said of the enlargement.

CLUB NOTES.

All felt great regret that Mr. J. A. B. Bruce, our founder, was again prevented by ill-health from coming to the last Annual Dinner. He came to dine with us one Wednesday in the autumn, but has not felt strong enough to come since. He went to Madeira last year for a change and got some benefit from it. The last news of him is that he has taken a voyage to Australia, where he is staying in Sydney with a relative. We all hope that this venture will be a success and that he will come back again in better health.

The Committee feel that the resignation of Mr. A. N. Andrews from his post of Secretary is a real loss to the Association. He took on the job no less than 16 years ago, and his knowledge of Switzerland, where he had lived for some time as a boy, was of great value to the Club in the early days of his tenure of office. The Association can never be too grateful to him for all the time he has spent on its behalf. He did not measure the amount of work he did, and Bruce alone has done more for us. As his colleague in the work of Secretary, I can honestly say that when Andrews was about, I was a mere name on the note-paper. (W.M.R.)

Mr. M. N. Clarke has taken over Andrews' work, and, while he has taken over a big task in succeeding one who knew so much about it and about Switzerland, he will do it with the advice of Andrews within easy reach, and the Club is fortunate in having him.

Mr. Andrews will be at the meetings just as often as before as he will still be on the Committee as Librarian.

The re-built Britannia Hut will probably be formally inaugurated in July this year. We hope that a good number of members will be able to be present on that occasion.

The Ski Club of Great Britain invited a representative of the Association to their Annual Dinner. The junior Secretary went and was asked to speak to the diners on the subject of the Hut Fund. The Ski Club has taken great interest in this matter, and their President, Mr. G. Seligman, spoke at our own dinner. This Club and our own have a common affinity in this way. Our own Club does not include climbers alone, but all who are interested in the Alps in any way, not only walkers, but ski-ers as well. The Ski Club numbers amongst its members both mountaineering ski-ers and the less ambitious ski-er on the lower slopes as well, so that the two Clubs are more all-embracing than a merely mountaineering club. We hope that there will always be a close liaison between us.

The affairs of the S.A.C. are conducted by the Central Committee, which changes every three years, each section in turn undertaking to provide this Committee. The section Uto, of Zurich, has taken over this responsibility for the next three years. We have received a letter from the new Central Committee expressing the hope that "the friendly relations which have ever existed between your Association and ours will be maintained during the ensuing years."

The new President of the Central Committee is Emil Erb; the Treasurer, Ernst Müller; and the Secretary, Hans Reutener, all of Zurich.

We regret that the name of Lieut.-Col. C. Hordern was inadvertently omitted from the lists of members in the last two Annual Reports.

ALPINE JOURNALS FOR SALE.

Through the death of a member we have been able to purchase a number of parts of the Alpine Journal. Any members wishing to complete their sets may find these useful. They should write to the Hon. Treasurer, who will quote the prices.

These numbers available are as follows:—Parts No. 10, 66, 68, 70, 72, 76, 80 to 84, 93, 94, 96, 97, 100, 102 to 106, 108 to 115, 117 to 127, 129 to 132, 134, 135, 137 to 142.

144 to 150, 152, 153, 155 to 164, 166 to 201, 203, 205 to 207, 209 to 211, 213, 214, 217, 218. Also duplicates of 115, 117, 119 to 122.

ALBUM OF CLUB HUTS.

The new edition of this publication of the Swiss Alpine Club is now out and members may obtain a copy from the Hon. Treasurer on application, price 5s. The number of copies in his hands is limited, and early application should be made.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS, 1929.

The Hon. Secretaries will be glad to hear from any members who wish for help in making up parties for the Alps. One or two such applications have already been received. It is not possible for the Association officials to organise parties, but they are quite prepared to put members in touch with one another when they can, and this has often been done in the past. The monthly dinners for those who can attend them are of course an admirable opportunity for making summer arrangements, and if members who are short of climbing companions will acquaint the Secretaries beforehand, something can often be done in the way of introductions at one of the dinners.

It is desirable that communications on this subject should be sent early, not later than the first half of July, as the Secretaries may themselves be in Switzerland. It is hoped that beginners in particular will avail themselves of the help of the officials of the Association in any matters connected with holiday plans; we have often been able in the past to give advice about guides or districts to enquirers, and to suggest plans.

CLUB DINNERS, &c., IN 1928.

The usual monthly dinners were held and as many as forty were present on occasion. Three Ladies' Dinners took place in the spring, summer and autumn, respectively, and these occasions lantern slides were shown. Over 100 came to one of these dinners, the largest attendance we have ever had at a ladies' evening.

INSURANCE AGAINST ACCIDENTS.

As most people have by now realised, every member of the S.A.C. is now insured against accidents, an addition having been made to the annual subscription for this purpose. This year there has been a change. The sum payable for death was formerly 10,000 francs. This sum has now been altered and is different for some sections. 17 sections agreed to pay an extra 5 francs per annum to secure 10,000 francs. but the other sections were only willing to raise the levy by The latter sections are consequently only insured up to 8,000 francs. We regret that members should have the trouble of altering their Banker's Orders this year to cover this change, but the matter is out of our hands. will be a great help to the Hon. Treasurer if those who have not sent in the correct amount will do so at once in accordance with the Hon. Treasurer's recent circular

Association of British Members of the Swiss Alpine Club ACCOUNTS TO DECEMBER 31st, 1928.

RECEIPTS TO DECEMBER 31st, 1928.

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REPORT OF THE SPEECHES AT THE ANNUAL DINNER

OF THE

ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH MEMBERS

OF THE

SWISS ALPINE CLUB

on

WEDNESDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER, 1928
AT THE HOTEL CECIL.

The President of the Association, Brigadier-General the Hon. G. C. Bruce, C.B., M.V.O., was in the Chair, and about 130 members and their guests were present. The guests of the Association were His Excellency the Swiss Minister (Monsieur C. R. Paravicini), Lieut.-Col. Sir Henry McMahon, Admiral Sir William Goodenough, Major-General Astley Cubitt, Sir George Morse (President of the Alpine Club), G. Seligmann (President, Ski Club of Great Britain), the President of the City Swiss Club.

To the great regret of all members of the Association. Mr. J. A. Bruce's health did not allow him to be present.

After the usual loyal toasts, Mr. R. S. Morrish, proposing the toast of "The Swiss Confederation," said:—

"I feel considerable misgivings at proposing this toast because it seems to me that it must come to the members of our Association as a tale that is told, and to His Excellency as a tale that has been told many times, so that I find myself rather in the position of a lecturer who has undertaken to deliver a course of lectures, whatever the audience might prove to be. He journeyed from town to town and in large towns he found large audiences, and in little towns he had smaller audiences, but one winter night when it was blowing, raining and snowing and hailing, he found that the audience consisted of only one man who was crouching in a corner of the hall. He suggested that it would be more friendly for him if his audience came nearer, but the audience made no reply. He appealed to him again and said: 'If you come nearer you will hear better,' to which the audience replied: 'Rats, I did not come to hear, I came in to get warm.' (Laughter.)

"I suppose some of us to-night did not come to hear but to get warm and to dine, and to dine with that moderation which was recommended the other day by a bishop at an ecclesiastical

banquet when he found himself next to a curate and a very inviting menu of appetising dishes was placed before him. 'Now,' said the bishop, 'we must curb our appetites.' 'No, my Lord,' replied the curate, 'let us rather put a bit between our teeth.'

I feel myself under a great obligation to Switzerland because it is now more than forty-one years since I first went there as a schoolboy, and although I realise now I did not make the best use of my opportunities of learning French and German, it was during those school holidays when we went on walking tours in the mountains that I learnt to love mountains and mountain scenery, a love which has since become one of the moving forces of my life. It was, I think, Leslie Stephen who first christened Switzerland the 'playground of Europe,' and certainly in those days, though the lakes were crowded with tourists from all parts of the world, the mountains seemed to be reserved specially for the English. Even the Swiss themselves at that time had not found out the beauty of their own peaks. Then there was another Englishman who also wrote of Switzerland, who only died two years ago. I mean Professor Godley. He wrote a most delightful poem which he called 'Switzerland,' which is very well known to the old brigade, but I sometimes wonder whether it is as well known to the younger members, and perhaps not to the visitors. There is one verse in that poem which is perhaps appropriate at this dinner. It begins, in speaking of some mountaineers:

'They will dine on mule and marmot, and on mutton made of goats,

They will face the various horrors of Helvetian table-d'hôtes;' This was written of course, in the Seventies and not to-day (laughter) but I look back to the early Nineties and remember when I partook of marmot. I do not remember having partaken of mule, but I do remember another dish which we christened 'Selle de mule,' or saddle of mule. Then there was another verse which began:

'Place me somewhere in the Valais, 'mid the mountains west of Binn,

West of Binn and east of Savoy, in a decent kind of inn,
With a peak or two for climbing, and a glacier to explore,
Any mountains will content me, though they've all been
climbed before—

Yes! I care not any more
Though they've all been done before,
And the names they keep in bottles may be numbered by the
score!'

"And in those days it really was the fashion for us to put our names on cards and insert them in bottles and leave those bottles on the tops of the mountains, but now, unfortunately, we do not do that, but the bottles are thrown down, down the mountain sides to the danger of climbers.

"The mention of Binn brings back very delightful memories to me, and I visited it for the third time last year, but only to find that it had been shorn of many of those glories. On two sides it is bounded by the Italian frontier and climbers will remember what a dreadful experience we had last summer from the 'black shirts' who paraded the whole frontier and who fired on us and our guides promiscuously. The Times was filled weekly with incidents, any one of which before the war would have been considered a 'casus belli,' but which we could do nothing about. One guide had his hat perforated by shots; another was fired on in attempting to retrieve some rücksacks left by two ladies under fire themselves. An Oxford don and his guide were arrested in a certain valley and locked up. They were treated as if they were moral decadents and sent over a pass into France. sidered this sort of thing was so unfair that I wrote up to His Excellency to come to some arrangement with the Italian Government whereby the British members of the Swiss Alpine Club should pass over the frontiers if they had a Swiss Alpine Club ticket. No doubt His Excellency wished me at Helsingfors, but he wrote me a most courteous letter and said he had referred my suggestion to Berne and that no doubt it would be referred to Rome, where no doubt it would be put in the right quarter, but that he could not hold out any hopes of being if any immediate assistance, and I gathered, reading between the lines, that the further we got away from the Italian frontier the safer we should (Laughter.)

"In conclusion, may I give you one more quotation from Mr. Godley, who winds up his poem by saying:

'Though the hand of Time be heavy: though your ancient comrades fail:

Though the mountains you ascended be accessible by rail; Though your nerve begin to weaken, and you're gouty grown and fat.

And prefer to walk in places which are reasonably flat-Though you grow so very fat

That you climb the Gorner Grat,

Or perhaps the Little Scheideck—and are rather proud of that; Yet I hope that till you die

You will annually sigh

For a vision of the Valais with the coming of July, For the Oberland or Valais and the higher, purer air, And the true delight of living, as you taste it only there!

"But, in proposing this toast one must not deal entirely with the mountaineering side of it. Switzerland, although one of the smallest states, contains towns which are among the most beautiful in Europe. It has public buildings which are the envy of towns three or four times the size. It has universities which as educational centres are visited by students from all parts of the world. It has sanatoria and clinics which receive patients from everywhere, and whose cures are world-wide. It has museums, especially the one at Zurich, which form a pattern of arrangement which our own Victoria and Albert Museum would do well to ensulate. Its population, I believe, is the most contented not only in Europe, but I believe in the whole world. There are no extremes of great wealth and great poverty as we find in this and other countries, and when we think of their hospitality to our wounded men and sick refugees during the war, we cannot think of them with sufficient gratitude.

"In conclusion we know that the other nations have chosen Switzerland as the site of the League of Nations, so that we hope that it is in that country that eternal peace will be hammered out so that the whole of civilisation will be benefitted."

HIS EXCELLENCY THE SWISS MINISTER, C. R. PARAVICINI, said:—

"The Chairman has intimated to me before I got up that he does not want a technical speech. As I know nothing about Alpine climbing, I would, of course, be in a marvellous position to tell you all about it, but as he does not wish me to do this, I shall follow the example of Mr. Morrish and make you, although not a poetical, a different speech. That allusion does not apply to Mr. Morrish, whose speech we have listened to with the greatest interest and the greatest pleasure.

"I thank Mr. Morrish for the nice things he has said about the Swiss tables d'hôtes and the Swiss universities, though I myself, personally, was never a success in the latter buildings. I thank him for the nice things he has said about my country and my compatriots, and I thank you, gentlemen, for the kindness with which you have been good enough to receive the toast. I have now been the guest at your dinner for nine years. It has been said that one looks at the face of the Jungfrau always with renewed pleasure and one never gets tired of the sight. I am not aware that the same statement has ever been made about the face of the Swiss Minister. I may take it from your kind reception that the popularity of Switzerland amongst British Alpinists and mountaineers has not declined.

"As you know, travelling nowadays is not a simple matter-Since the war there has been an increase of formalities and difficulties and sometimes this is rather annoying to bear. Mr. Morrish has alluded to his difficulties. In that connection I may perhaps mention that it was a great pleasure to me when, some time ago, I sat next to an old and distinguished member of the Alpine Club, who told me that he had now been to Switzerland for sixty years or more, and that he was one of the first to climb the Matterhorn and that ever since that time his affection for the Swiss Alps has been growing in proportion to the number of peaks conquered by him. But what pleased me most was, that he said that during all those years he had never had any unpleasant experience, either with his companions, or with the people of Switzerland, or with the authorities of Switzerland. (Hear, hear.) That was no doubt the reason why, in spite of his eighty years, he looked quite twenty years younger. Annoyance with the authorities is the one thing to avoid when you want to keep young. I know something about it myself because I am in authority myself, and I assure you that whenever I have a row with a customer I see to it that he suffers mentally, and if possible bodily as much as circumstances allow. It is the only way to keep up the respect for the authorities. My friend certainly is a remarkable man and was no doubt a disappointment to the Swiss gendarmes and authorities.

" Mr. Morrish has touched upon the question of the difficulties of our southern frontier. Indeed, I remember that I did receive a letter from Mr. Morrish in which he stated that it was too much that special permits were required by our southern neighbours for certain attractions in the Swiss Alps, or rather on the other side of the Swiss Alps, and he said, if I remember aright, that if a number of mountaineering sportsmen inadvertently hung over the wrong side of the precipice, at that moment a uniformed being with a black moustache came up and asked them for a special permit to do so. He asked me to exert my full influence and my personal prestige in order to stop that. Of course, as I always do when I am asked for something by my English friends, I exerted my full influence and my personal prestige and stopped nothing at all, but they come to me all the same, and, gentlemen, don't you believe that if our frontier is closely watched and guarded that we are not the best of friends with our Italian neighbours. We love them dearly and they love us dearly. It does not mean, either, that the Italians think that people who are climbing about our Alps are—, well, Mr. Morrish told you that the Alps are reserved for the British, but it does not imply that the people who climb about on our Alps are dreadful or suspect individuals. If I say English, of course I mean Scotch or Írish.

"Last week-end I was staying with a friend of mine in the country, an old Guards' officer, and he told me a story of his experience of that frontier, alluding to the difficulties which Mr. Morrish has mentioned. He said he was in Switzerland and wanting to go for a night to Milan because at that time it was the Milan carnival and he had a very important appointment there. He went through the Simplon Tunnel and on the other side of the tunnel he was stopped by two Italian officials. They told him that if he thought that papers, like the ones he presented, would get him into Italy, he was mistaken. He said, 'Yes.' They said 'No.' They pointed out to him that his passport had run out two or three years ago and that neither he himself nor any of the many scores of officials on the Continent who had

handled it in the last two or three years had been aware of that There was also, as he said, a strong smell of garlic which made him give certain indications of discomfort which the Italians took for signs of disapproval. He tried to explain in language in which he thought might resemble Italian that it was merely the change of air which affected him, but the two Italians gave him to understand that whatever the situation might be, the one thing he could not do was to go on to Milan and they handed him over to two gendarmes of the Swiss Gendarmerie to Those two compatriots of mine sat on each side take him back. of him and indicated to him that the necessary enquiries would be made at the other end, and the two compatriots suggested that the best place to make the enquiry was the buffet de la gare, which lasted as long as two bottles of wine would last, my friend being a teetotaller. After that time the two gendarmes indicated to him ways and means of going to Milan that very evening, which he did, and it was owing to this fact that the business he had to liquidate in Milan was a thorough success, and that was the reason why my friend took the opportunity of my staying with him to thank me for the courtesy shown to him by the Swiss authorities.

"Now, gentlemen, let me assure you once more that in Switzerland we do everything to please you. We do everything to provide for you entertainment and sport. We go even as far as to allow motor traffic all through our country, for since the last few months you can go over any mountain pass in your own motor car and if you are lucky you may be knocked over the side of a pass by one of the new postal auto-cars which are specially constructed for the purpose.

"Another friend has told me that we even go as far as to provide wolf huts. In the Canton of Grisons there have been found traces of wolves. Last year one of my friends was staying at Arosa and the peasants came up to the hotel much agitated because wolves were about. He, being a great wolf hunter, took his gun and went out to track the wolf. He was a very enthusiastic wolf hunter as he told us himself, for by courtesy he spoke French, and he said, 'Moi, j'aime beaucoup la chasse du loup. C'est très interessant. Eh bien, tu tue le loup ou le loup te tue. In his case neither of the two alternatives happened because there was no wolf. It is however, an example of the fact that we do anything in Switzerland to provide pleasure and sport, and whenever any one of you, or of your relations or friends come to Switzerland you may be sure that now and always we shall think of nothing else but of your comfort and of your pleasure."

Mr. H. E. G. Burls, proposing the toast of "The Alpine Club and Kindred Societies." said:—

" I did not know when the Secretary asked me to propose this toast that the Club would have the misfortune of hearing me

after His Excellency the Swiss Minister, yet there it is and I must do the best I can. If you will look at the programme you will see that the toast is 'The Alpine Club and Kindred Societies,' and I puzzled my mind as to what society is kindred to the Alpine Club. At first I thought there was no such thing because though we are members of the Swiss Alpine Club, the French Alpine Club, the German Alpine Club and others, 'the' Alpine Club is unique and supreme, and that is the address of the people who are in Savile Row. I thought I would try to find some information in the works of the Victorian poets and in Tennyson I found something. Speaking of the members of the Alpine Club, he said that 'they lie on the hills like gods together, careless of mankind, for they lie beside their nectar and the clouds are lightly furled far below them in the valley.' I think that is an apt description of the members of the Alpine Club. I have had the honour of being taken on the mountains by members of that Club and my grievance is that they have never introduced me to the nectar. I remember I went up a certain mountain with a very distinguished member of this Club and of the Alpine Club, and though I saw him lying like a god, I never saw the nectar, and I hope that Sir George Morse, as the President of the Alpine Club, will be good enough to tell us about this nectar, so that the next time I have the honour to climb with a member of the Club I shall, perhaps, have some of it, but I fear not.

"To go back to my problem as to what are kindred clubs, it is all very difficult and I thought perhaps the programme would give some light on it. I find that the toast is to be responded to by Sir George Morse, the President of the Alpine Club, and also by Mr. Seligman, the President of the Ski Club of Great Britain. Now I want to know what the deuce the Ski Club of Great Britain has got to do with Alpine Club for I have yet to learn that their are any Alps in Great Britain, so I am not a bit the wiser. I have occasionally had the honour of being invited by friends of mine to go to the Alpine Club and I found that there were always members arriving between 8.30 and 9 o'clock in the evening (I have heard also that they dine in the evening) so, as I have been in the Alpine Club with a friend of mine in the afternoon and have found it like a desert, I came to the conclusion that the Alpine Club must be a species of night club, but unfortunately, I have never been at a night club and as I do not know Mrs. Merrick I cannot make any enquiries of her, and I am driven to believe that when your Secretary asked me to take the toast of the Kindred Societies he meant other clubs that are engaged in climbing of sorts.

"There are various sorts of climbing, I do not include social climbing, but there is one club I should like specially to refer to, and that is the Ski Club of Great Britain. There is the Ski Club of Great Britain and there is also the Ski Club of Germany. My experience of ski-ing is mostly on a part of my anatomy that is

not usually referred to in polite society. I did two seasons of about two days each so I am not qualified to say anything about ski-ing, but I have no doubt it is a delightful sport for the young, and a delightful sport to watch. I think it is a perfectly beautiful sight on a bright sunny day to see a man coming down a steep place with a most delightful flurry in the snow so that you wonder what has happened to him. But the charm of the thing is that ninety-nine times out of a hundred he turns up at night for dinner.

"There are many other climbing clubs and if I speak about a few I cannot mention all, because I understand there are 470 all over the world, a tact which says something for the interest taken by the world in mountaineering, but among them there is one I should like to mention. I do not know whether it will interest you, but I remember a good dinner that I had with it many years ago, and that is the Ladies' Alpine Club, for the more the ladies go up the Alps, the more the men will go after them. You all know the old song that 'If all the young girls were hares of the mountain all the young fellows would go a-hunting,' and this attraction should induce our guests here to-night to go climbing.

"I want to say something about the only other Alpine Club Iever belonged to, and that is the German Alpine Club. I will ay this for the German Alpine Club, that their huts are hard to beat. I once arrived at one of those huts about two o'clock. I had come down rather tired and wanted something to eat and drink, and the hut-keeper said to me, 'Where will you sit, inside or out?' and I said, 'Outside if possible,' because every place seemed to be taken up. He said, 'Sit there,' and I said 'All right, I will sit there,' and so with his arm he swept all the the rücksacks off the seats of people whom I suppose had gone to find Edelweiss. He said he hoped I should be gone before the owners of the rücksacks came back, otherwise it might lead to a serious incident. I shall always give the Germans a good mark for their huts for the mountaineers who come in tired and thirsty, particularly thirsty.

"Then there is another kind of climbing club, which both our great Universities provide. They do some Alpine work, but they also provide roof climbing clubs, and clubs which teach people how to enter the colleges at hours when the authorities seem to think that there ought to be no club. I am not at all sure that these climbing clubs are not the best centres of training for the Alpine Club. I cannot find out whether he founded the club or not, but I am credibly informed that Lord Byron when he went to Cambridge climbed on to the roof of the library of Trinity College and that not merely for pleasure, but for the object and useful purpose of covering the nakedness of the statues, for he covered them with surplices.

"Lastly, I hear that in the Navy there is a climbing club, and a representative of that club, I believe it was a real honour, planted a Union Jack on an uninhabited island, a feat which created a grave international incident, but I am sure we shall know whether it is true or not when the admiral comes to talk to us later on, but as the Navy could not find another man to bring it down, the midshipman who nobly planted our flag where it had never been planted before had to fetch it down. He ought to be remembered, if only by having a club to himself."

SIR GEORGE MORSE, President of the Alpine Club, in reply, said:—

"I rise as President of the Alpine Club to thank you members of this association for the very kind way that Mr. Burls has proposed the toast of the Alpine Club and Kindred Societies.

"I should like to say, first of all, that the only occasion on which I have ever met nectar in the Alps was with a very old friend of mine, a man whose name you know well, the late Mr. C. E. Matthews, the President of the Alpine Club many years ago, who often used to climb a certain mountain and he always carried a certain beautiful bowl, and he never took a meal without drinking out of it nectar. It was the only time I met nectar in the Alps and I am not quite sure whether nectar exists to-day. It has perhaps gone out of fashion.

"In thanking you for the way you have proposed this toast, I am reminded rather of the various changes that have taken place in the many years the Alpine Club has existed. When it was started, seventy years ago, people used to go out then only for their summer holidays. Now, as you know, Switzerland has provided another kind of entertainment which we call winter sports, and so I think we owe a great deal to Switzerland for providing such a fine holiday place for us Englishmen, both in summer and in winter. We owe a debt to Switzerland because they always welcome us and when we are out there we always know we are amongst friends. Amongst the changes which have taken place. I think I might say that one of the greatest is, nowadays at any rate, the large increase in climbing without guides, and for that I think to a certain extent we have to recognise the part played by all those other kindred clubs in this country that Mr. Burls has been talking about. For these other clubs have provided an opportunity for young men in Great Britain of learning something about climbing, whether in the Welsh hills or in the Cumberland hills, or in the Scottish hills. So that these young men are able to go for the first time to Switzerland, not as I did. knowing nothing about mountaineering beforehand, but they come out knowing something about the sport of mountaineering. knowing something about it, and climbing mostly with friends who have been out before, men of experience and who take care, and you certainly ought to take care on any mountain you have not been upon before, they have taken up that sport of mountaineering without guides, which is coming more and more to the fore. And speaking for myself, for I have done some climbing without guides I think we are all pleased that that should be the case, and it seems to me that there are three reasons why. First of all, they go out to the Alps with experience; secondly, nowadays, they find that the tariff of guides for some of these high mountains is very severe; and thirdly, they find there is a greater enjoyment in climbing a mountain with personal friends who know what they are doing, than in following tamely in the steps of a guide who knows every hand-hold on that mountain.

"I think these climbing clubs are not only doing good work in teaching the young climber how to climb, but they are also providing extraordinarily good journals, which help to spread a knowledge of the sport of mountaineering to a larger public, and these journals on mountaineering, not forgetting the Alpine Journal, have much extremely good reading matter inside them, as well as excellent photographs.

"Talking about changes which have occurred since the Alpine Club was started, there is a change in another way. I dare say many of you have read Leslie Stephens' 'The Playground of Europe, where, in his first chapter, he speaks of Baron Scheuchzer, who wrote about the dragon which flew over the lake at Zurich over two hundred years ago. This Scheuchzer was a great lover of the mountains, and Leslie Stephens tells us that once when he attempted to climb a certain mountain he failed to get to the top and the reasons he gave for his failure were partly the weariness of the flesh, and partly the distance still to be traversed. causes, Leslie Stephens tells us, have hindered the climbing of many a mountain since then. It is too true. The Alpine Club is getting older, and we are getting older, and for some of us weariness of the flesh has come and we cannot, as we used to, go on climbing our mountains. I must own for myself that I have to take to the mule path or even the mountain railway rather than climb a steep hillside. We look at the tops of the mountains, and we look at them with regret and feel our time has gone for we wish we could get there still. Nevertheless, there is a great deal of charm to be got out of the valleys and out of the lower hillsides, and we can still enjoy going to the Alps even when we are getting And we still, when we get old, feel our keenness for the Alpine Club. We are proud to belong to it and when we go there we meet our old friends, and we are pleased to hear the stories told by younger members of new and magnificent accents and we refresh our memories of the Alps, with the mountains and the passes which we climbed when we were young, and I am quite certain of this, that all of us whether members of the Alpine Club or of the kindred societies have a love for the mountains and for Switzerland, which we shall never forget to our dying day, and in conclusion may I say that the Alpine Club has the warmest affection for this association and it is your name, as members of the British Association of the Swiss Alpine Club, which brings

home to us that you in this Association are specially connected with that happy playground we all love so much—Switzerland."

MR. G. SELIGMAN, President of the Ski Club of Great Britain, also responding to the toast, said:—

"There was once an early Christian martyr who was in the arena, and the emperor had despatched his best lion after him. The lion got to the early Christian martyr and the early Christian martyr whispered a few words to the lion, who thereupon retired. They sent one or two more lions to this early Christian martyr who whispered again a few words to the lions and again the lions retired. Then the emperor beckoned to the early Christian martyr and asked him to come up to his royal box and to give him the secret that saved his life, and that gentleman replied: 'Well, your majesty, just as I was about to be seized by the lions, I said we shall expect you to say a few words after dinner.' Gentlemen, it is the privilege of one of the guests to tell irrelevant stories and I only mention this point as almost entirely relevant to my own case as I am to reply to this toast on behalf of the Ski Club of Great Britain.

" Mr. Burls in proposing the toast asked what connection there was between the Alpine Club and the Ski Club of Great Britain. I was wondering how to answer that point, but Sir George Morse answered it for me. Sir George Morse said we love the mountains and we love Switzerland. I do not think there is any need for us to illustrate that further. We love the mountains and we love Switzerland. In addition to the fact that I am privileged to answer this toast, I am very glad to mention a point which is very close to my own heart in this matter. The other day Mr. Roberts was the guest at our own club, and to-night I am the guest of your Association. The Ski Club of Great Britain was founded in 1903 and to-day it possesses 3,400 members. consider ourselves young as far as tradition is concerned, but many of you gentlemen have a tradition of seventy or eighty years. I do not mean you personally, but collectively. We have a tradition of only twenty-five years and like some young organizations, we, like some young people, are inclined to be a little sensitive. It is sometimes said of ski-ing, and I have even seen it written in print, that ski-ing means racing and competition. Gentlemen, let me assure you that this is very far from being the real case. We in the Ski Club of Great Britain are now so big that we have two quite distinct branches, the competition branch if you like to call it such, and the Ski Touring and Mountaineering Racing is very far from being paramount in our Club. Branch. I think that probably only twenty-five per cent.—it is quite a guess-but I think only twenty-five per cent. of our members are racers. We did not discourage racing because we see a great help in it to ski technique just as you encourage your great technique of rock climbing and mountaineering, and all that goes up to make a mountaineer. In the same way we encourage ski craft and mountain craft. Now I think that a fair description of our Club would be that we have a main body of ski tourers and ski mountaineers who are reinforced by the racers who, in course of time, for want of a better word I would describe as superannuated. You cannot race any more than you can play Rugby football after a certain age, and at thirty you have to turn your mind to more steady means of locomotion.

"Now, gentlemen, I come to my point. We of the Ski Club of Great Britain conceive it to be our duty to lead those who are inclined to be mountaineers into the right and true path of the mountain and the brotherhood of the snows. In a kind of way it is difficult. We have not your eighty year old tradition, but we are striving very hard for the aim which we believe is the right aim of all those who are going to the hills, a knowledge of the hills. I do not think, gentlemen, I need labour this point any further, but I would just like to urge the fact without any question that ski-ing is not an irresponsible force. It is a matter upon which one could write a book, and one cannot, of course, deal with it adequately in the course of a speech and therefore I will not labour at all the advantage which ski-ing might bring to our mountaineers and the advantage we can gain from an association of mountaineers.

"Mr. Roberts was our guest the other evening and I am your guest here to-night, and I believe that this meeting and interchange of ideas might even be carried further. I am only hinting it at the moment, but I can only believe that it will only have one result, a result which we all have in mind that would be of the very best advantage to us all in the high hills."

Brig.-Gen. C. G. Bruce, the President, proposing the toast of "The Guests," said:—

"Gentlemen, my toast is 'The Guests,' and it is a very difficult toast to propose. To begin with I must start by referring to His Excellency the Swiss Minister, whom you have all received with the greatest enthusiasm. Whenever we have this dinner the Swiss Minister is with us. We depend upon him; and our interest in him, and, I hope, his interest in us will never fail. I will remind him, as he heard last year, that we were trying as far as we can to pay a debt which we have only really got to understand the urgency of in late years, and on account of which we are appealing to all sections of mountaineers, and that is helping on the reconstruction of huts. As everyone here knows, we have taken on the rebuilding of the Britannia hut and I am quite certain also that you will be interested to know that we have already sent out £350 for the reconstruction of this hut, but that is not enough. The Secretary told me to express what he calls the pious hope that the enthusiasm of our whole Association

of which there are only 120 members here when there ought to be 600, will not wane; he thinks the attendance is not anything like what it ought to be, but expresses the pious hope that there will be no falling off during the coming year. I might agree particularly with this hope, because only a fortnight ago I fell off the top of a bus! I want to bring it home to His Excellency that we are thoroughly awake as to where our duty lies, and our duty certainly lies in helping the work of the Swiss Alpine Club as much as we can. I think I gathered from what Mr. Morrish said that there were sometimes little troubles on the frontier where hardships occurred. I myself was in Binn just about the time some of these took place and I remember that some tourists took the extraordinarily and venturous step of forcing a sentry and they were fired on. Then they were taken downhill and I was informed that for two days and nights they had to live on bread and water, and then I heard it said they were put on the 'dôle.'

"I now pass on with the very greatest possible pleasure to our other guests. Sir Henry McMahon has lived for many years among mountains, of which few of you have the smallest possible conception, the greatest mountains of the world. He has lived among them, understood their peoples and ruled them for many, many years. He has had very great experience not only in the high mountains but on the Indian frontier and in Afghanistan. He has taken part in the demarcation of frontiers probably more than any man now living. When Durand divided Afghanistan influence from Indian influence, one of his assistants was Sir Henry McMahon, and he took part also in fixing the frontier between Persia and Baluchistan. Besides that he visited, and he is probably the only man who has had personal dealings with, all the last three Emirs of Afghanistan. I met Sir Henry McMahon in later days under quite different conditions. I had just come back from the only real rock climbing there is in Northern Egypt and I had hoped to be the first to take some Gurkhas to the top of the Great Pyramid. As I went up to it my old regiment, knowing I wished to do that, all turned out and left me only a second to catch a glimpse of the great Pyramid and return, when there came along Sir Henry McMahon, who called round to see what our trenches were like.

"I do not think that our Association could honour any man more than Sir Henry McMahon and there is not any man who has lived among them more and imbibed more of that splendid strength from the mountains than Sir Henry McMahon.

"I will now pass on to Admiral Sir William Goodenough. I feel I am a buffer state, dividing His Excellency and Admiral Sir William Goodenough, after some remarks made by the former last year. Sir William does not know what I mean, but His Excellency does.

"I am quite certain that before many years are passed Sir William will become the President of the great society which until lately has rarely understood the great part that mountaineers take in exploration, but at any rate I know what he does, in assisting geographers, and I am sure that if any little proposition comes up later on and if we dine him sufficiently well we will have the backing of Sir William Goodenough and of the Geographical Society.

"Besides this, I have a great tribute of respect to pay to Sir William, for once, and once only in my life, I have boasted as an authority on pictures. I was once enjoying his hospitality when he asked me whether I knew anything about certain pictures of a man who was a genius of his time. Sir William Goodenough told me he had bought some pictures which he would like to show to me. Without turning a hair, I said, of course they are by Edward Lear, who in addition was a writer and, I believe, the actual originator of limericks. He wrote also innumerable very glorious sea songs which you will remember, those of you who read things really worth reading. The point of this story is that Sir William did not know that I had innumerable sketches by Edward Lear of my own, but I got away with it without his discovering it.

"Now, may I pay tribute to another of our guests, one of the most delightful people and one of the greatest characters in the army to-day; a man who has left behind him a reputation for true sportsmanship and intense kindliness, and that is General Astley Cubitt, and if I were asked and dared to, I could tell some good stories about him, but if I did so I would be in terror of my life that he would turn on me. I owe him an immense debt of gratitude for all he did for the members of our Everest Expeditions, and especially for me when I got ill, for I have recollections of a most delightful time then. General Cubitt is a great sportsman who loses skin. We mountaineers lose skin from our hands and faces but General Cubitt's activities tend to make him lose skin from other parts of his body

"He is one of the most interesting of men. He tackled some difficult questions in the old days down in Calcutta, and you should have seen how he wakened everybody up and they badly wanted it. We were able with his help to establish and to maintain a club in a deadly community, and an extremely lively one, and to maintain that club in Eastern India, a club of which I had the honour for a short time of being the president. You can understand what I feel about the great personality who was able to revive intense enthusiasm in such a region. I am only going to say one thing more about him and it is simply this, that General Cubitt, whenever he speaks about things, puts them quite clearly so that everybody understands what he means and that is something which rarely happens. He is in command

of the 53rd Division, or the Welsh Territorial Division, and therefore I have seen much of him in the last four years. In the words of the old Welsh national anthem 'And may the old language for ever remain.''

LIEUT.-COL. SIR HENRY McMahon, responding to the toast of "The Guests," said:—

"I feel highly honoured in being in the position to-night of responding to the toast of all those very highly honoured gentlemen who are your visitors to-night, and who have been referred to in such eloquent terms by your Chairman.

" I do not propose to speak very long, because the speaker who is coming after me, our gallant admiral, Sir William Goodenough, has assured me he is not going to seek the ordinary refuge of a naval officer by claiming the privileges of the silent services, so he will probably want to speak at some length. I feel very highly honoured to meet you here to-night. I do not feel myself amongst strangers, and I do not feel strange in your field of operations, and I am especially pleased here to-night to meet your Chairman, a very old friend of mine. I do not know, and I will not refer to the length of time I have known him, but I will go back to the country in which you all work, Switzerland. is sixty years ago that I began mountaineering in Switzerland. I did not get to the top of the mountains. Someone referred to steep slopes. I did at that time some rather steep slopes in a perambulator. Fifty years ago I did rather more extended explorations there and discovered quite a lot of unknown places which are now the headquarters of winter sports. It was about forty or forty-five years ago when I had the privilege of meeting your Chairman. He was then an officer of the Fifth Gurkhas. and I belonged to a distinguished force known as the Punjab Frontier Force, and I do not think either of us realised when we met quite light-heartedly what a lot of climbing we had to do before we died. He has since become celebrated in connection with Everest, but some of you will know something of his earlier mountaineering efforts, especially with Sir Martin Conway, and will recognise that perhaps he did, in some respects, harder work then than he did in connection with Everest. Of course, I am referring to actual climbing under difficult conditions.

"From that moment I never ceased climbing and had to climb, climb, climb for years and years. For my work threw me into it. I was thrown into mountainous countries, as he has said, and my ordinary work, my district work and my shooting propensities took me into vile places and I climbed peaks and passes where I longed to have the assistance which some of you gentlemen have in your climbs. Never, however, have I had a Swiss guide. I believe, Sir, you have had Swiss guides. (Chairman: Yes.) With Sir Martin Conway. You will find that whatever part of

the world you go to that crevices and cornices and rock chimneys look very much the same, only perhaps worse in one place than another. They are really all the same, but the climbing of which I had too much, was a mixture of sport, shooting, and my own district work in going round my own province. In Chitral in demarking frontiers and boundaries, where you always had to get to the highest place in order to see the country, I was led into many difficult places where I longed to have the aid of guides, notwithstanding what Sir George Morse has said, but I did not get them, and I do wish now that I had at that moment the help of what I would have had if such an organization as this Swiss Alpine Club had been in existence when I was a boy.

"When I first knew your Chairmen, gentlemen, we did not know him under the distinguished name of General Bruce. He was always called by a name very difficult to translate into English, but which is a mixture of Hercules, gladiator and swashbuckler. I do not know about the last, but in the first two he has

fully justified the name.

"I thank you, Sir, for the very kind way in which you have referred to myself. I have had, as you said, a good deal to do in mountains and in doing it I have had the pleasure and privilege of dealing with mountain people, and in my experience I have had to deal with plain people, and very plain people too, but I do not know of any people in any parts of the world that they belong to, that I love better than I love the people of the mountains, and I would just like to say one word about the people who live in the highest of all mountains, those in the Hindu Kush. There in the mountains everything is very straight up and down, and in one province there is no peak under 20,000 feet, and most of them are from 20,000 to 26,000 feet. I have been up without help at the very least to 21,000 feet, but it is the people who live in those valleys, who, I think, are the finest people on God's earth. There is nothing like them anywhere else in the world. Very curious people they are as I think you will agree. They are as white as we are ourselves. They claim descent from Alexander. They have weak types of faces and what their connection with Alexander can have been, I do not know. What a wonderful man Alexander must have been.

"But they are of the purest Aryan stock you can imagine—just exactly like ourselves and you can go into their houses and live with them, as I have done, and nice clean people they are. Their ideas of sport and animals and of dogs are quite unlike anything I have seen in any other oriental country. They have been shut up there for hundreds and hundreds of years from some era of migration in the dim past, and they have never got out of those valleys. They have languages to which we cannot yet find any affinity, but they are more like British stock than anything else I have met in the world. I am only talking of that part of the world, but you will always find in mountains a wonderfully simple people.

"In conclusion I can only say one thing. This Club of yours is doing a great service because some of you will have to go into such countries as I have been to in your work, but you will go with advantages I never had. You will have to go across glaciers, and big cornices, but you will have a knowledge that I never had, and you will do it with an ease that I never felt, and it is worth having. I thank you very much to-night for the privilege you have given me in attending this dinner."

ADMIRAL SIR WILLIAM GOODENOUGH, also responding to the toast of "The Guests," said :—

"It is sometimes a difficult thing to make a second speech to the same toast, but there is no such difficulty to-night. For one thing, it is always an honour to follow Sir Henry McMahon, whatever he does, whatever he says, and wherever he goes, and he also has that peculiar facility of clearing away any obstructions that there may be, and, what is even better for a speaker, leaving a clear field on which his follower may display himself and disport himself.

"There is one thing he has omitted to say, which is that the man who replies for the visitors is in a pretty strong position, for whatever he says, whether it is wise, foolish or provocative, the other visitors, whatever their objection to what he says, have got to bear the responsibility for whatever he does say. They may throw him in the Thames afterwards—it is not far off—I have got to catch a train so he is safe, but while he was speaking he suggested that I was going to say something very startling on some controversy, but I am not, but I am going to join with him in thanking all of you for an extraordinarily pleasant evening.

"You may know, Sir, that those who, like myself, occupy ourselves in great waters, are amongst the most fervent admirers, and perhaps a little envious of all you gentlemen who find your business and pleasure in great mountains, and it is very natural, but there is a very great similarity in the feelings which are engendered by the waves of the ocean and the peaks of great heights.

"I do not know whether many of you.—I know you, Sir, were present at the lecture given by Captain Mason at the Royal Goegraphical Society, I mention here the Royal Geographical Society, although I have no time to follow your President in all he said, but you may be quite sure, however, that the Geographical Society has ever had in mind anything which has to do with adventure in climbing heights, and that you may be quite satisfied and content that anything the Geographical Society can do to forward your needs will meet with every sort of sympathy there. I was much impressed by Captain Mason's lecture and the very beautiful speech which was delivered by General Walker afterwards on the sentiments and emotions which

were aroused in those who had the great privilege of being surrounded by heights of great magnificence, and so you know, gentlemen, it may be and should be when at sea. I would say this about that, that when you stand on some snowy peak in the sunlight surveying a vast panorama, cast a thought to those who walk the bridge at midnight on a calm and still night in the Indian Ocean, or when you struggle with manly vigour against snow and cold and hardship to attain an end, cast a thought to those who may perhaps have to plunge into the Atlantic or into the wastes of some wind-swept sea, and you know, gentlemen, the bonds of comradeship which bind together all those who struggle towards greater things, and those bonds will become stronger."

MAJOR-GEN. ASTLEY CUBITT, proposing the health of the Chairman, said:—

"There has been some rhetoric, after which mine will be very poor following. First of all, may I associate myself with Sir Henry McMahon and Admiral Sir William Goodenough, in thanking you very much for asking me here to-night, an experience I have never had before, and it is the only evening of its kind I have ever had in my life. I personally do not know anything about climbing; in fact, I only know that when I try I fall.

"I am here to discuss your Chairman. I cannot claim to be a long-standing friend of his. My mind only goes back to 1922 to 1924 when I met him first. He was then commanding the Everest Expedition, and from that time I formed an admiration for him that will never leave me. But I am not here to talk about the outcome of the Everest Expedition, because that has been talked about at many tables and in many places all over the world, but I do say this, that a man to be a leader as General Bruce is, as we all know, has to have the heart of a boy, the temper of a boy and the character of a boy, and that is what he has.

"Sometime in 1924 I was commandant of the Presidency in India of Darjeeling. I had three Tibetan generals attached to my headquarters staff, and I did not know what to do with them as I could not talk their language and they did not know our language, so it was very difficult, when suddenly a little ray of sunshine came to me in your President. I said at once we will have a dinner party and I collected the three Tibetan generals and General Bruce. We dined them well and we wined them well, and the result was extraordinary. They played every game of skill and chance which they knew and which we knew, and then General Bruce, who had told me before dinner various extradinarily good stories, nice stories, repeated everything to the generals in their own vernacular, and they laughed as heartily as we did. They were very pleased with the time they spent with

us and then they went back to Tibet and told the Lama what splendid fellows we were. I did not see the rest of the Everest Expedition, unfortunately, we had arranged a little dinner party for them in Calcutta but something went wrong at the time and I had to go off to Behar.

"May I refer to one thing? Sir Henry McMahon said something about the hills. Well, I had the privilege during the war of commanding the Welsh Division, and recently I had the honour of commanding the Territorial Division down there, and I want to tell you this about them, that the place where the best fellows come from is the Rhondda Valley. The very best fellows I had in the war came from the Rhondda Valley and the best Territorials I have come from the Rhondda Valley, and that bears out what Sir Henry McMahon said, that the best fellows come from the hills, and they are the best in England to-day. When you hear about little Moscow in the Rhondda Valley, that is due to those who came in during the war, and that is the fact.

"Well, I will not say any more, but I will ask you to drink to the health of a man who is a great friend of mine and a great supporter in my own difficult position in Wales, I want you to drink now with me the health of your President, General Bruce."

BRIG.-GEN. THE HON. C. G. BRUCE, responding to the toast of his health, said:—

"There are several things I ought to put right to-night, and one is that talk about nectar. The explanation of that nectar is perhaps that the speaker meant really neckties that are worn by members of the Alpine Club.

"Beyond that, gentlemen, I must refer to something else. I want to refer now to the very ancient story which I am sure you will all agree with me shows the terrible results that my face has had on conquered nations. It was in 1907 that I arrived at the Tibetan border on the West. I had not been in a certain village more than six hours when the leading lady in the village sent me a message to say that ever since she had seen my face she had been ill, and what was I going to do about it. I said I would do anything about it I possibly could, and she said, 'Well, wash your face and give me the water.' As a matter of fact I had been about seven weeks over the mountains without having shaved my face, which was very unpleasant, with a growth of beard and several small cuts. I did my face and washed it in hot water and soap, and put this into a quart pot, and the lady drank it and was cured. The point is this, that if anybody feels ill I am perfectly ready to repeat the performance.

"One thing I ought to say before we go is that wherever I have gone it seems to be taken for granted that the Swiss Alpine Club is for people with certain climbing qualifications. There is no qualification required, but it is a fact that thousands of people come as visitors to Switzerland from this country and have the advantage of using the Swiss Alpine Club huts who ought to join our Association, which is only a matter of a few shillings, and if only you could explain this to the people you meet I am sure it would be a very valuable thing and you could tell them how easit it is to join the Swiss Alpine Club and how, by doing so, they take their part in this important work of helping mountaineering. If you could only do that you will be doing a very valuable work."

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 Headquarters 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, 38, Panton Street, S.W.1.]

3. CONSTITUTION.

Officers-President

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

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 10s, per annum, payable at election. The payment of £4 4s, shall be considered as equivalent to the annual payment of 10s.

For those elected before 1921 it is optional whether they pay 5s. or 10s. subscription, or £2 2s. or £4 4s. 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 arroars 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-thirds 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 twothirds majority, the decision of the Committee.

(b) The Committee, on the requisition of twelve 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 Associa-

tion for the time being.

(b) The Ordinary Members of the Committe shall be twelve 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. 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.

. Vear ends 31st December.

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 Comedy Restaurant, 38, Panton Street, S.W.1.

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 pernut.

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, Comedy Restaurant, 38, Panton Street, S.W.1, on fourth Wednesday in each month. Price 5s. 6d.

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.

LIST OF MEMBERS

OF THE

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OF THE

Swiss Alpine Club

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