

THE ASSOCIATION OF
BRITISH MEMBERS
OF THE
SWISS ALPINE CLUB

(ESTABLISHED 1909)

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(Diablerets) 1929

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Co-opted 1931
G. R. SPEAKER, 'AC.'
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*The Annual Report, Accounts and Balance Sheet
for 1934.*

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 Club 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 the late Mr. J. A. B. Bruce created a strong Committee, which undertook this matter and brought this Association into being under the late Mr. Clinton Dent as President. Within two years of the start there were 300 members and their number has continued to grow. The 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 "clubbists," 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 499, 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:—

| | | | | | | | | |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------------|-----|-----|----|
| Atels | ... | ... | ... | 9 | Grindelwald | ... | ... | 27 |
| Bern | ... | ... | ... | 7 | Interlaken | ... | ... | 25 |
| Diablerets | ... | ... | ... | 70 | Monte Rosa | ... | ... | 44 |
| Geneva | ... | ... | ... | 206 | Oberhasli | ... | ... | 19 |

Other Sections 27.

The membership of the Swiss Alpine Club itself is now over 30,000 in about 80 sections.

NEW MEMBERS.

29 new members have joined during the past year, but 31 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 numbers are now :—

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|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| December 31st, 1934 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 577 |
| Less Resignations, Deaths, etc., during 1934 | ... | | | | 76 |
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| Total, January 1st, 1935 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 501 |
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Of these, 134 are Life Members, 12 Honorary Members, 302 Ordinary Members, and 53 on the Retired List.

PROGRESS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

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|------------|------|-----|---------|-----------|
| June, | 1909 | ... | Members | 26 |
| Dec. 31st, | 1909 | ... | " | 120 |
| " | 1910 | ... | " | 250 |
| " | 1911 | ... | " | 330 |
| " | 1912 | ... | " | 386 |
| " | 1913 | ... | " | 426 |
| " | 1914 | ... | " | 451 (War) |
| " | 1915 | ... | " | 440 " |
| " | 1916 | ... | " | 423 " |
| " | 1917 | ... | " | 410 " |
| " | 1918 | ... | " | 408 " |
| " | 1919 | ... | " | 412 " |
| " | 1920 | ... | " | 423 |
| " | 1921 | ... | " | 441 |
| " | 1922 | ... | " | 454 |
| " | 1923 | ... | " | 496 |
| " | 1924 | ... | " | 531 |
| " | 1925 | ... | " | 582 |
| " | 1926 | ... | " | 620 |
| " | 1927 | ... | " | 644 |
| " | 1928 | ... | " | 643 |
| " | 1929 | ... | " | 673 |
| " | 1930 | ... | " | 702 |
| " | 1931 | ... | " | 686 |
| " | 1932 | ... | " | 621 |
| " | 1933 | ... | " | 575 |
| " | 1934 | ... | " | 577 |

LIST OF THE PRESIDENTS
SINCE THE FORMATION OF THE ASSOCIATION.

- 1909-1911 Clinton Dent.
1912-1922 A. E. W. Mason.
1923-1926 Dr. H. L. R. Dent.
1927-1930 Brigadier-General The Hon. C. G. Bruce,
C.B., M.V.O.
1931-1933 W. M. Roberts, O.B.E.
1934 A. N. Andrews.
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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 comes 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 1 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 "Die Alpen," February, 1935.

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

50% Aigle-Leysin (33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % only on 2nd class tickets); Brunnen-Morschach-Axenstein; Chantarella-Corviglia; Furka-Oberalp; Gerschnialp (33% only on return tickets and no reduction on the descent); Gornergrat; Interlaken-Heimwehfluh; Martigny-Châtelard; Oberalp (see Furka); Ritom; Stanserhorn; Visp-Zermatt.

42% Arth-Rigi (includes wife and children).

40% Aigle-Sépey-Diablerets; Montreux-Glion, Territet-Glion, and Glion-Rochers de Naye (no reduction on intermediate stages); Sierre-Montana-Vermala.

33% Schöllenen.

31% Nyon-St. Cergue-Morez.

30% Jungfrau; Leukerbad; Monthey-Champéry-Morgins.

25% Berner Oberland; Bex-Gryon-Villars and Villars-Chésieres-Bretaye (Chamossaire); Chamonix-Montanvers; Lauterbrunnen-Murren-Allmendhubel (Seilbahn); Muottas-Muraigl; Rechtsufrige Lake of Thun Railway (for the complete circuit Thun-Interlaken); Schynige Platte; Wengernalp.

20% Braunwald; Brienz-Rothorn-Bahn; Martigny-Orsières; Stansstad-Engelberg; Lake of Thun to Beatenberg; Mont Blanc (St. Gervais to Glacier de Bionnassay).

15% Niesen.

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 the 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. Lehmann, 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.

A list of the principal sections, together with their subscriptions, will be found at the end of this report.

In addition, the subscription to the Association is £1 for Town members and 10s. for Country members. A Country member is defined under the Rules as being a member who resides outside a radius of 50 miles of Charing Cross. There is 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 costs £8 8s. for Town members and £4 4s. for Country members.

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 until further notice, *provided the gummed slip* with the signature of the President of the Central Committee, which has just been issued, *is affixed to the lower half of the inside cover*. It is very necessary for all members to be careful about this.

Instead of the coloured cards issued by the various Sections as receipt for the current year's subscription, membership cards have to be provided with the gummed slip (measuring about $3\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ inches), bearing the date of year of issue. This gummed slip must be affixed to the inside of the card over the 1934 slip, and members are earnestly requested to stick it in as soon as they receive it. Last year quite a number of members forgot to do so and only noticed the imperfection of their membership card when about to go to Switzerland, and then hastily appealed for assistance to the Hon. Treasurer, who has not always a stock of these receipt slips, seeing that each Section only sends him as many slips as there are members.

Loss of Membership Card or Badge.—It is inevitable that someone or other should lose his card or badge, and this is most likely to be discovered at holiday times. If such a loss occur, 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 if it be the membership card that has been lost. Members of the Geneva, Diablerets and Interlaken Sections, however, can obtain new membership cards and badges straight away from the Hon. Treasurer's office. Price for new membership card is 1/-.

The price of a new badge is 2/-.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE.

All the officers were re-elected. The following members of the committee retired, having completed their term of office: Messrs. Cohen, Healy, Marsden-Neye and Sennett. The resulting vacancies were filled by the election of Messrs. H. Longley-Cook (Grindelwald), T. W. Sallitt (Monte Rosa), F. S. Smythe (Grindelwald) and P. J. H. Unna (Geneva).

FINANCE.

The financial results for the year 1934 are marred by the loss in capital of £37 15s. 8d., due to the failure of the Banque d'Escompte Suisse, with which we had a current account for payment of subscriptions due to Sections. We are creditors to the extent of 1,445.70 Swiss francs, approximately £90 at the current rate of Exchange, and it is hoped that a dividend may be paid which will cover the loss shown in this year's accounts.

We are glad to say that the Geneva and Diablerets Sections sent us their usual contributions.

The Hon. Treasurer would remind Members that payment by January 31st considerably facilitates the work, and ensures Members getting their copies of *Les Alpes* regularly.

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.

THE HONORARY SECRETARIES.

The addresses of the Hon. Secretaries will be found inside the cover.

All communications concerning the Association Meetings should be sent to Mr. M. N. Clarke ; other communications may be made to either Secretary.

THE HONORARY TREASURER.

All communications concerning subscriptions should be sent to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. C. T. Lehmann, 28, Monument Street, E.C.3. Telephone : Mansion House 1214.

QUALIFICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

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 members' 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.
Resignations must be sent in before December 31st.

THE CLUB ROOM AND LIBRARY.

The Library and Club Room are now at Room 121 at the Hotel Great Central. This room, which is available at all times, is on the first floor, and is best reached by the entrance from Marylebone Station. The key may be obtained on application to the Reception Office.

Members are particularly requested not to forget to return the key to the Reception Office before they leave the Hotel.

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. **Guide books and Maps, however, are not to be taken away.**

LIST OF MEETINGS DURING 1935.

Informal Dinners will be held on the undermentioned dates, being the *fourth* Wednesday in each month, at the Hotel Great Central at 7.30 p.m. Morning Dress. Price 5s. 6d., collected at table. Members intending to dine must notify M. N. Clarke, 48, Cranley Gardens, S.W.7, at least two days before each dinner.

January 23rd, March 27th, April 24th, June 26th, July 24th, October 23rd.

Informal Dinners to which Ladies may be invited will be held on February 27th, May 22nd and September 25th. Further details will be announced later. Members are requested to note that in future the price of these dinners will be 7s. 6d. instead of 8s. 6d.

Informal Discussions will be held in the Club Room at 8.30 p.m. on the undermentioned dates, being the *first*

Wednesday in December and the *second* Wednesday in every other month.

January 9th, February 13th, March 13th, April 10th, June 12th, October 9th, November 13th, December 4th.

On the evenings of these Discussions a table will be reserved in the Hotel Dining Room for Members, and a special 4-course dinner will be served at a charge of 4s. 6d. per head. No notice of intention to dine need be given on these occasions.

The subjects for these Discussions will be announced from time to time. Members are once again reminded that suggestions will be always welcomed by the Committee.

The Easter Meet, as already announced, will be held at Coniston from April 18th to April 23rd.

A Joint Meeting with the Ski Club and the Alpine Ski Club will be held on Wednesday, May 8th.

The Annual Dinner has been provisionally fixed for Wednesday, November 27th.

Further details of these fixtures will be announced later.

CLUB NOTES.

Last summer the Association celebrated its 25th Anniversary, and to mark the occasion a dinner was held in Zermatt which was attended by Dr. Gugler, who was then the President of the Central Committee of the S.A.C. We need not refer further to this function here as a full account of it is given elsewhere in these notes; but we feel that this would be a fitting opportunity of giving a brief outline of the history of the Association since its foundation in 1909.

A good many of the original members have unfortunately passed away, but others, happily, are still with us; and although some of them are still comparatively young in years the dinner last August must have made them feel very old as they cast their minds back over the events of the last quarter of a century. Of those who took office in 1909 our first President, Clinton Dent, died when the Association had been established for only three years; while the first Hon. Treasurer, C. E. King-Church, and the first Hon. Auditor, A. B. Challis, were both killed in the war. But our founder, J. A. B. Bruce, lived to see the Association "come of age"; he lived to see our membership exceed 700 and surpass in strength that of the Alpine Club itself; and when he died there was as yet no sign of the financial crisis of 1931 which was fated to have such a serious effect upon our numbers.

The Association was founded in June, 1909, with 26 members and by the end of that year the membership had risen to 120. At the outbreak of war we had nearly 460 members; but during the next four and a half years, in common with all other clubs, our numbers dropped, and at the end of 1918 our membership had fallen to 408. Twenty-nine of our members gave their lives in the war and their names are commemorated on an oak shield which hangs on the wall of our Club Room. After the war our membership increased rapidly, and when, in 1930, the 700 mark was passed, we all hoped that before long our membership would run into four figures—but unfortunately this was not to be so. The financial crisis of 1931 and the

consequent devaluation of the Pound have taken a heavy toll of our numbers and our membership is now only just over 500.

When the Association was founded we had our Club Room at Gatti's Restaurant in the Strand, but shortly after the war we moved to the Comedy Restaurant in Panton Street. Ladies' Night Dinners were introduced in 1920 and on many occasions over 100 members and guests have been present. In January, 1930, we moved to our present quarters at the Hotel Great Central; there we have a fine large room on the first floor which is comfortably furnished as a reading and writing room where we keep our library, and which is available at all times for the use of members. In August, 1930, we again started holding our Swiss Dinners which afford us such an admirable opportunity of meeting our Swiss friends, and which culminated in the dinner at Zermatt last Summer, which was attended by no less a person than the President of the Central Committee of the Swiss Alpine Club himself; and in October, 1930, we started holding those monthly discussions which have now become not merely one of the regular, but one of the most popular features in the life of the Association; and it was in that year too that our numbers were higher than they had ever been before. During the early part of 1931 there were two important innovations both of which have proved remarkably successful. At Easter we commenced a regular series of Climbing Meets among the British hills; and in May we started holding the Joint Meetings with the Ski Club of Great Britain, which have done so much towards bringing together skiers and mountaineers. Let us hope that the prosperity of the Association during those years is not merely a thing to look back upon, like a golden vista seen across a dark and perilous flood.

The story of the Britannia Hut is now ancient history—how it was built by the Association and presented to the Geneva Section of the S.A.C. in 1912—how in 1921 the Geneva Section placed a memorial tablet on the Hut to the members of the Association who gave their lives in the war, which they invited General Bruce to unveil—and how in 1929, when it became necessary to enlarge and recondition

the Hut, the Association subscribed £800 for this purpose. The Britannia Hut is now the largest Hut in the Alps, and is a tangible and durable proof of the great and lasting friendship between English and Swiss climbers.

The year which has just finished has been, for the Association, very much like the previous one. Some of the older members with little chance of climbing in Switzerland have relinquished their membership of the S.A.C., and younger men have not come forward to take their places owing to the rising cost of a Swiss holiday on account of the exchange; consequently the membership has fallen off again. It is indeed regrettable that we could not have celebrated our 25th Anniversary under better auspices. It is, however, impossible to fight fate, and the present situation must be accepted with a patient hope that somehow and sometime it will clear up.

The general position remains much the same. The hotel keepers and the railways have reduced their terms, and in the case of the former much can be done by negotiation. Some of the hotels popular with our climbers are willing to make very great reductions, particularly to their old clients, and a little, but not much, may be done by negotiation with guides—but the outside expenses, the extras, are still prohibitive to many of us.

The increasing tendency among young climbers to dispense with guides is the natural outcome of this. The accident on Mont Blanc last August, when two Oxford undergraduates were killed only proves once more what has so often been stated and what cannot be too strongly emphasized—namely, that mere skill in rock climbing is not in itself a sufficient qualification for attempting unaided a big alpine peak, where a thorough knowledge of snow and ice conditions is absolutely essential, and where a degree of speed is required which is not necessary on the British hills. It becomes the duty of all climbers to discourage our younger men from attempting too much at once and particularly on peaks where the snow and ice conditions are difficult.

By the death of Edward Branson Harris in his 81st year, the Association has lost one of its earliest members; in 1912 he was elected Hon. Secretary, a post he held until 1919, when, owing to increasing deafness and advancing age, he asked to be relieved by a younger man.

Harris was a member of the Alpine Club, being elected in 1898, and served on its Committee; as a climber, he had accomplished many ascents, the most hazardous being that of the Guglia, the most majestic tower in the Brenta group. To the very last his interest in the mountains never faltered, and until a year or two ago he was a constant attendant at all Alpine gatherings.

We have to record the death of one of our Honorary Members, Mr. Douglas Freshfield, whose earlier climbs were in the golden age of Alpine exploration. He was the last link with the great pioneers of the "fifties and sixties" of last century. He was in turn President of the Alpine Club and the Royal Geographical Society; he was a great mountaineer and explorer and a historian of the Alps, and his loss will be deeply felt.

Mr. L. R. Furneaux, who died last November, was another of our members with a long record in the Alps. He was for many years a master at Rossall, and a very regular visitor to Switzerland. In recent years he had not climbed much, but he remained a very powerful walker right up to last summer. He climbed a great deal with Dr. Dent's parties and his many friends in the Association will miss him greatly.

The monthly discussions, which were started in October, 1930, were continued throughout the past year, and have now become not merely one of the regular but one of the most popular features in the life of the Association. All except two were illustrated by lantern slides. A detailed list is set out below:—

January 10th—"The Swiss Part of the Mont Blanc Range" (The President).

- February 14th—"Climbing round Engelberg" (V. O. Cohen and others).
 March 14th—"Steering by Map and Compass" (W. M. Roberts).
 April 11th—"Bulgarian Macedonia" (W. Meakin).
 June 13th—"The Western Bernese Oberland and Alps" (E. V. Bacon).
 October 10th—"The Austrian Tyrol" (R. P. Mears).
 November 14th—"Accidents" (F. S. Smythe and others).
 [A further reference to this discussion appears elsewhere in this report.]
 December 5th—"The Lake District" (F. H. Slingsby and G. R. Speaker).
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The attention of members is drawn to the List of Meetings for 1935 which was issued at the end of November and is reprinted elsewhere in this report.

The Easter Meet was held at Fort William, from March 29th to April 3rd, in conjunction with the Midland Association of Mountaineers, and some 15 of our members and friends assembled at the Station Hotel, where they enjoyed extremely comfortable headquarters. Apart from occasional sharp blizzards on the heights the weather was excellent, and the mountains provided magnificent sport, particularly the North-East face of Ben Nevis, where the conditions were truly alpine. The S.M.C. kindly gave the use of their hut on Ben Nevis for the period, which was much appreciated. With ample opportunities for all grades of climbing, from hill walks to difficult snow and ice work, everyone found something to their taste, and the Meet was undoubtedly as successful as any yet held by the Association.

We are very much indebted to Colonel Sir Henry Fairfax Lucy and others for so kindly granting us permission to wander at will over their property, and we were very glad to be able to welcome Sir Henry as our guest at the Annual Dinner,

The 1935 Easter Meet will take place, as already announced, at Coniston from April 18th to April 23rd. Full details will be issued later.

Members will doubtless have read of the unfortunate accident on Ben Nevis last Easter, in which Mr. Maurice Linnell was killed and Mr. Colin Kirkus injured. Although Linnell was a member of this Association, he was not with our Easter Meet party, but was in camp by the Lochan on Ben Nevis. He and Kirkus were climbing the Castle face on Carn Dearg, and had almost finished the climb. Kirkus, the leader, was negotiating the cornice, when the snow beneath his feet avalanched and both climbers fell several hundred feet. Linnell was apparently killed outright, whilst Kirkus was stunned. On regaining consciousness, finding himself unable to help his companion, he succeeded despite severe facial and other injuries, loss of blood, and a broken ice-axe, in cutting his way up to and through the cornice on to the summit, where he was found by members of our party, including Dr. Alford Rogers, and taken down the mountain.

Meanwhile some members of the Rucksack Club were trying to reach Linnell, first by roping down the face, which proved impracticable, and later by descending the North Castle Gully and traversing across the face, whilst some of our members descended to the foot of Carn Dearg and climbed the Gully to meet the other party half way. Amongst these was Dr. Rogers, who had returned to the summit of Carn Dearg after helping Kirkus, and later descended to the Coire and insisted on climbing the Gully in case his services were needed. He remained on the mountain until 2 a.m.—a fine example of devotion and endurance considering that he was well past middle age. Unfortunately owing to the darkness it was impossible to reach Linnell; and the rescue party, who had been joined in the Gully after dark by Mr. F. G. Brettell and other members of the Midland Association of Mountaineers bringing supplies, were obliged to descend.

At daybreak Brettell, with members of the Midland Association and the Rucksack Club, returned to the scene,

and eventually after immense difficulties succeeded in reaching Linnell's body and bringing it down.

The funeral was attended by members of this and the various other Associations represented at Fort William, the burial taking place in Glen Nevis Cemetery.

On learning the facts, the Committee passed a resolution expressing its appreciation of the assistance rendered by Association members in the rescue work, and in particular of the devoted efforts of Dr. Alford Rogers.

A Joint Meeting was held with the Ski Club of Great Britain and the Alpine Ski Club, on May 2nd. Once again, through the kindness of the Committee of the Alpine Club, we were able to hold it in the Alpine Gallery. The Chair was taken by Lieut.-Colonel C. Hordern, R.E., a Past President of the Alpine Ski Club, and 200 people were present.

The subject for discussion was "High Level Routes on Foot and on Ski." Colonel W. S. Cave described some of the points to be remembered and some of the traps to be avoided in high-level winter expeditions on ski. He was followed by Mr. E. S. Herbert, who dealt with a high-level traverse from Saas Fee via the Great St. Bernard and Mont Blanc to Chamonix, illustrated by lantern slides of a very high standard.

Mr. P. J. H. Unna entered a plea that huts in Switzerland should be provisioned in the winter, since at present winter high-level tours had to be carried out mainly in Austria, owing to the excellence of the hut accommodation there. He showed some beautiful slides of high-level ski-ing fields from Obergurgl in the Oetzthal to Sulden.

General Bruce, Dr. Finzi, Messrs. Arnold Lunn, E. C. Richardson, M. N. Clarke, W. M. Roberts and G. Seligman also took part in the discussion.

Altogether it was a most successful and enjoyable evening.

The next joint meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 8th, when Wing Commander E. B. Beauman will read a paper on "The Coast Range of Western Canada," which

will be illustrated by lantern slides. The Chair will be taken by Sir Eric Holt-Wilson, President of the Ski Club of Great Britain. Further details will be issued later.

Those members who found their way to Zermatt last summer for our 25th Anniversary Dinner, on August 14th, were indeed well rewarded. The hotel Monte Rosa, where the Dinner was held, was once more the mecca for British climbers and to those who knew Zermatt in those halcyon pre-war days, this happy gathering must have recalled pleasant memories. The President was in the Chair and about 40 people were present; a truly magnificent banquet was served, and both British and Swiss climbers were strongly represented by distinguished members of the respective Clubs.

Following the toast of His Majesty the King, that of the Swiss Confederation was most happily proposed by Sir William Ellis and responded to by Herr B. Biner, Zermatt's chief guide, in a very interesting and apposite speech. Then came Dr. Gugler, the President of the Central Committee of the S.A.C., who, in proposing the toast of the Association made us realise more than ever the wide-spread activities of the parent Club, and the magnificent work it is doing in the interests of climbers generally. The joint proposer to this toast was our Honorary Member Mr. Egmond D'Arcis, an ex-President of the Geneva Section to which so many of our own members belong. His speech was in most happy vein and, to culminate an admirably expressed message of congratulation from his Section in Geneva on our 25th Anniversary, he presented us with a handsome 28 day clock, which now most usefully adorns the mantelpiece of our Club Room.

The President, in responding, referred to the great pleasure it afforded to him to welcome such a large and representative gathering. He was, he said, especially glad to see so many of our Swiss friends, as he knew that some of them had come long journeys at no little personal inconvenience to attend our Dinner. In thanking Mr. Egmond D'Arcis for his congratulatory message and the very handsome gift which he had brought from the Geneva

Section, the President spoke of the very happy relationship which existed between the Association and the various Sections of the S.A.C. He referred to that indissoluble link which bound us so closely in a common interest, and which he believed afforded the means for mutual understanding such as no other relationship could provide.

The health of the guests was admirably proposed by the Hon. Treasurer, and replied to by Dr. H. Seiler, who gave a most entertaining and interesting speech, and on behalf of the Monte Rosa Section presented us with a handsome jug and wine goblets to commemorate the Anniversary which we had met to celebrate. The Loving Cup was then circulated by two pretty little Swiss girls who, Dr. Seiler informed us, were his own twin daughters and, he believed, his last contribution to the fraternity of climbers.

Notably among the many distinguished guests was our old friend, Miss McAndrew, the indomitable Secretary of the Ladies' Alpine Club, who spoke of all the pleasure and good health she had derived from her many visits to the Swiss mountains. Another guest, and indeed an old friend, who spoke, was Dr. Dubi, who in the company of his charming daughter had specially travelled from Berne to attend the Dinner, Dr. Dubi, who is now over eighty years of age, was the one who, with the late Mr. J. A. B. Bruce, our founder, did so much to assist in the formation of the Club on the Swiss side.

Congratulatory messages and regrets for absence were received from Sir Felix Schuster, Sir John Withers, Brig.-Gen. the Hon. C. G. Bruce, Mr. W. M. Roberts, Mr. M. N. Clarke and several others.

Mr. J. A. Marsden-Neye then proposed the health of the President and drew attention to the fact that in spite of his youthful appearance, he had nevertheless been connected with the Association from its inception 25 years ago and had held positions of responsibility in the Club for most of that time. The Association was fortunate too, he said, in having as President one who in his student days had lived among the Swiss people and in consequence was possessed of an intimate knowledge of their customs and ways of thought.

The matter of accidents in the Alps, referred to above, was discussed at length at a meeting of the Association held on November 14th and attended, by invitation, by representatives of many climbing clubs. There were many speakers who all deplored the frequency of accidents due to rashness and inexperience. There is obviously no remedy except through the effect of public opinion, and the meeting agreed that a small committee should attempt to find some means of ventilating this opinion. It is proposed to take steps in this direction at an early date. The discussion was opened by Mr. F. S. Smythe, and carried on by various well-known mountaineers and skiers.

It is proposed to issue a translation of a short book on the practice of mountaineering, which has been published by the Uto Section. The translation is complete and the book will be issued at a rate sufficient to cover the cost of production, probably about half a crown. Since Dr. Claude Wilson's book went out of print, there has been no small manual of general mountaineering in this country available for beginners.

The question has more than once been mooted of the possibility of getting the reduced fares to Switzerland which are available when a large enough party goes on the same day. The difficulty is, of course, that of fixing a day on which to travel, and of a place to go to, if a further suggestion that the Association should have a "Meet" and thereby get reductions in hotel accommodation, is also carried out. So far the idea has not been popular, but it would be valuable to the Hon. Secretaries if members could let their views be known, especially those members not living in London.

The City Swiss Club once more honoured us by inviting our President to reply to the toast of "The Guests," at their annual banquet in November, where they entertained him right royally. Again we were very pleased to welcome their President (Mr. H. Senn) to our Annual Dinner on November 28th.

We consider it a great privilege to be on such friendly terms with the City Swiss Club, and we value this connection with Switzerland very highly.

Dr. T. R. Burnett represented the Association at the Annual Dinner of the Scottish Mountaineering Club, which was held in Edinburgh on Friday, December 7th.

A fair number of London members have borrowed a good many books during the past year. About one dozen new books have been added to the Library during this period, including a presentation of "The Glittering Mountains of Canada," by the Author, Dr. J. Monroe Thorington, of Philadelphia. Members who wish to retain a book, or books, beyond the regulation period of four weeks are asked to notify the Hon. Librarian by postcard to that effect.

The Association owe a very deep debt of gratitude to the Hon. Librarian for all the work that he has put in on the Library during the past two years.

Members are invited to avail themselves of the "Hotel Book" (which will be found in the bureau in the Club Room), for recording their comments on the various hotels which they may have come across in the course of their travels. This book is intended to be used both for commendation and for commination.

We should like in future Lists of Members to make a special note of those possessing the Veteran's Badge. We should be very glad if those members who have it would notify the Hon. Secretaries.

We should again like to take this opportunity of expressing our great appreciation of the hospitality which has been extended to us by our friends of the Ladies' Alpine Club during the past year. They have again sent us tickets for most of their lectures, and these were greatly appreciated by those of our members who went; they also sent us tickets

for their excellent exhibition of Alpine paintings. This year again they invited several of our officers to their annual dinner.

We were very pleased to be able to welcome the officers of the Ladies' Alpine Club to our Ladies' Night Dinner last February, and we are again very much looking forward to having the pleasure of their company on February 27th.

The Committee desire to tender their deepest sympathy to the Ladies' Alpine Club on the sudden death of their President, Mrs. Aubrey Le Blond, last July. Mrs. Le Blond was a very distinguished climber and she was one of the pioneers of winter mountaineering; she was also the author of numerous books on climbing. She was a lady of very great charm and distinction, and her death will leave a gap which it will be indeed hard to fill.

A fitting memoir to Mrs. Le Blond appeared in the Alpine Journal for November, 1934.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS, 1935.

The Hon. Secretaries will be glad to hear from any members who wish for help in making up parties for the Alps or elsewhere. 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 away. 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.

The attention of members is drawn to the numerous excursions and climbs which are arranged by all the Sections of the S.A.C., and which afford an opportunity of some extraordinary good climbs at a very moderate cost. Although perhaps it is preferable to climb with one's own Section, one can always join a climb of another Section—and further, one can always be assured of a very hearty welcome. For those who want to cut down expenses these Section climbs should prove invaluable.

The Hon. Librarian has a supply of the programmes of the more important Sections at the Club Room; but members will probably be interested more particularly in the following:—

GENEVA SECTION.

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| July | 13-14 | Aiguille des Pèlerins | ... | Cost about 100 Frs. |
| | | | | (French) |
| | | Also Aiguille de Rochefort | ... | Cost 20 Frs. |
| July | 20-21 | Aiguille du Géant | ... | Cost 20 Frs. |
| Aug. | 3-11 | Bertol Week | ... | Cost 125 Frs. |
| | | (Bouquetins, Aiguille de la Za, Dent Blanche) | | |
| Aug. | 11-14 | Wellenkuppe, Matterhorn | ... | Cost 100 Frs. |

DIABLERETS SECTION.

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| July | 20-21 | Mont Collon | ... | Cost 25 Frs. |
| July | 25-28 | Tour Noir | ... | Cost 25 Frs. |
| Aug. | 3-10 | Oberland Week | ... | Cost 120 Frs. |
| | | (Oberaarhorn, Wasenhorn Gross, Finsteraarhorn, Jungfrau, Mönch, Aletschhorn, Gletscherhorn, Mittaghorn) | | |
| Aug. | 3-5 | Mischabel Dom | ... | Cost 35 Frs. |
| Aug. | 24-26 | Dent Blanche | ... | Cost 30 Frs. |

BERN SECTION.

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| July | 20-21 | Mönch | ... | Cost 30 Frs. |
| July | 27-28 | Ewigschnehorn | ... | |
| Aug. | 3-4 | Lötschenthaler Breithorn | ... | Cost 25 Frs. |
| Aug. | 17-18 | Dom | ... | Cost 30 Frs. |

GRINDELWALD SECTION.

Aletschhorn

MONTE-ROSA SECTION.

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| July | Bieshorn |
| July | Mont Collon |
| Aug. | Sudlenz-Nadelhorn |
| Aug. | Matterhorn |
| Aug. 10-11 | Zinal Rothorn |
| Aug. | Sudlenzspitze-Nadelhorn |
| Sept. 7-8 | Bietschhorn |

Unless otherwise stated the cost is given in Swiss francs, but, as it generally includes transport from headquarters of the Section to the locality of the climb, a reduction can generally be allowed for if the member is already in the particular district. Adequate notice, of course, must always be given to the Secretary of the Section. For the more severe climbs the party must not exceed 12 climbers.

The above list gives all the major climbs in the high season. Minor climbs are given in more detail in the Section programmes. As only one guide is usually taken on these Section climbs, the major ones should not be attempted by inexperienced climbers, but only by those who would be competent to join a guideless party.

SUNDAY WALKS.—If members are desirous of arranging a training walk at any time, the Hon. Secretaries will always be very glad to put them in touch with others similarly inclined, whenever possible. Such members should communicate with one of the Hon. Secretaries not later than the previous Wednesday.

INSURANCE AGAINST ACCIDENTS.

As most people have by now realised, every member of the S.A.C. is insured against accidents, an addition having been made to the annual subscription for this purpose. In 1929 the procedure was changed. The sum payable at death was formerly 10,000 francs. This sum has now been altered and is different for some Sections. Seventeen Sections agreed to pay an extra five francs per annum to secure 10,000 francs, but the other Sections were only willing

to raise the levy by one franc. The latter Sections are consequently only insured up to 8,000 francs.

By special arrangement with the Central Committee, Members of the Association are now insured against accidents while climbing in England, Scotland and Wales in the same manner as when they are climbing in the Alps.

Additional policies can be obtained :

(a) For payment of 3 francs, to bring up the insurance for death or permanent disablement from 8,000 to 10,000 francs for climbing accidents only.

(b) 3 francs to secure the same benefits as above for ski accidents.

It should be noted that ski accidents in the first place do not cover jumping, or accidents occurring while the insured is taking part in any sporting event, and that the accident must be part of a genuine ski run, *i.e.* when skis are used as a means of transport in what may be considered a mountaineering expedition.

Additional premiums of :

8.20 francs will cover 3 francs daily during temporary disablement, starting from the eighth day and up to one year, but the amount will depend on the degree of disablement and not exceed 3 francs.

9.40 francs will cover medical expenses up to 3 francs per day, limited to 300 francs.

14.60 francs will cover medical expenses and a daily allowance on the above scales.

There may be various combinations of the above, or even doubling or trebling of one particular form of insurance.

All these various combinations are set forth in the issue of "Die Alpen" December, 1934.

In no case are expenses of a rescue party or transport covered by insurance.

Neither the Association nor individual members can accept any liability for the above brief particulars of insurance. For full terms of the contract of insurance members are referred to the issue of "Die Alpen" May, 1934—printed in French.

THE ANNUAL DINNER.

The Annual Dinner was held on Wednesday, November 28th, 1934, at the Hotel Great Central. The President was in the Chair and nearly 100 members and guests were present. The guests of the Association were: His Excellency the Swiss Minister (Monsieur C. R. Paravicini); Colonel Sir Henry Fairfax-Lucy, Bart.; Brigadier-General The Hon. C. G. Bruce, C.B., M.V.O. (representing the Alpine Club); The Hon. Secretary of the Alpine Club (Mr. Sidney Spencer); The Vice-President of the Scottish Mountaineering Club (Mr. P. J. H. Unna); The President of the City Swiss Club (Mr. H. Senn); Dr. Andrew Seiler and Captain A. Warburton, D.S.O., M.C.

The Toast List was as follows: "The King"; "The Swiss Confederation," proposed by Sir William Ellis and replied to by the Swiss Minister; "The Alpine Club and Kindred Societies," proposed by Mr. H. B. Thompson and replied to by General Bruce; "The Guests," proposed by the President and replied to by Sir Henry Fairfax-Lucy; and "The Chairman," proposed by Mr. W. M. Roberts and replied to by the President.

During the course of the evening the Swiss Minister presented us with a very nice oil painting of the Schwarz Monch and Jungfrau—a gift from the Central Committee to commemorate our 25th Anniversary—which now adorns the Club Room.

Letters were also received from the Geneva Section who sent us their best wishes for a successful evening and expressed their regret that they had been unable to send a delegate to the dinner, and from our honorary member Mr. Reginald Graham regretting that he was prevented from attending by ill-health.

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 A Century of Swiss Alpine Postal Coaches
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 Alpine Ascents and Adventures..... *Schutz Wilson*
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 Alpine Memories..... *Emile Javelle*
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 An Alpine Journey..... *F. S. Smythe*
 An Artist in the Himalaya..... *McCormick*
 Annals of Mont Blanc..... *Matthews*
 A Physician's Holiday in Switzerland in 1848..... *J. Forbes*
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 Ascent of Mount St. Elias..... *Duke of Abruzzi*
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 A Wayfarer in the Pyrenees..... *Robson*

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 Climbs in the Horungtinder (Norway)
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| L'Evolution Belliqueuse de Guillaume..... | <i>Dubi</i> |
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GEORGE ANDERSON, *Hon. Librarian*,
32, Victoria Street,
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IMPORTANT

The Library having been thoroughly re-organised and re-classified, members returning books are requested NOT to replace them on the shelves, but to leave them on the table for the Hon. Librarian to put them back in their proper places.

Association of British Members ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR

REVENUE.

| 1933 | | | | Section | Association | | | Total | | |
|------|----|----|---------------------------------|---------|-------------|----|--------|-------|----|--|
| £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. | |
| | | | Subscriptions forward from 1933 | 14 | 15 | 6 | | | | |
| 839 | 7 | 4 | Subscriptions received, 1934 .. | 835 | 13 | 0 | | | | |
| | | | Subscriptions forward from 1933 | — | | | 8 | 9 | 0 | |
| 233 | 3 | 0 | Subscriptions received, 1934 .. | — | | | 217 | 13 | 6 | |
| 6 | 6 | 0 | Life Members | — | | | 8 | 8 | 0 | |
| 6 | 6 | | Sale of Albums and Cards .. | — | | | 8 | 5 | | |
| | | | Alpine Journals, etc. | — | | | 8 | 6 | | |
| 37 | 17 | 6 | Dividends received, net .. | — | | | 41 | 11 | 1 | |
| 37 | 10 | 6 | Sale of Dinner Tickets | — | | | 41 | 6 | 6 | |
| | | | Legacy (J. A. B. Bruce) .. | — | | | 1 | 0 | 0 | |
| 23 | 4 | 6 | Subscriptions in advance .. | 25 | 17 | 2 | 6 | 11 | 0 | |
| | | | | 876 | 5 | 8 | 325 | 16 | 0 | |
| | | | Balance Revenue | — | | | 673 | 11 | 8 | |
| | | | | 876 | 5 | 8 | 999 | 7 | 8 | |
| | | | Net Loss for year | — | | | 37 | 15 | 8 | |
| | | | | £876 | 5 | 8 | £1,037 | 3 | 4 | |
| | | | | | | | £1,913 | 9 | 0 | |

There is also a current account Credit at the Comptoir d'Escompte de Genève, but owing to the winding-up of this concern, which is not yet completed, the actual value cannot be estimated.

Swiss Fcs. 1,445.70.
(At current rate of exchange approximately £90).

of the Swiss Alpine Club

ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1934

EXPENDITURE.

| 1933 | | | Section | | Association | | Total | |
|------|-------|--------------------------------|---------|-------|-------------|-------|--------|-------|
| £ | s. d. | | £ | s. d. | £ | s. d. | £ | s. d. |
| 814 | 17 2 | Remittances to Sections .. | 842 | 4 2 | | | | |
| | | Dishonoured Cheques | 66 | 19 3 | | | 909 | 3 5 |
| 3 | 14 0 | Subscriptions returned | 1 | 1 0 | | | 1 | 1 0 |
| 49 | 12 0 | Dinner Expenses | — | | 58 | 14 2 | | |
| 25 | 0 0 | Clerical Expenses | — | | 27 | 15 0 | | |
| 101 | 0 0 | Rent of Club Room | — | | 102 | 19 4 | | |
| 14 | 11 0 | Printing and Stationery | — | | 23 | 15 11 | | |
| 22 | 3 1 | Postages | — | | 23 | 9 10 | | |
| | | Lantern Expenses | — | | 1 | 5 0 | | |
| | | Report on Debate | — | | 6 | 0 0 | | |
| 38 | 9 1 | Annual Report | — | | 34 | 15 0 | | |
| 18 | 6 | Insurance | — | | 18 | 6 | | |
| 7 | 19 0 | Sundries | — | | 9 | 4 0 | 288 | 16 9 |
| | | | £910 | 4 5 | £288 | 16 9 | £1,199 | 1 2 |
| 6 | 6 0 | Life Membership A/c. | — | | 8 | 8 0 | 8 | 8 0 |
| 588 | 11 11 | Accumulated Revenue | — | | 673 | 11 8 | 673 | 11 8 |
| 23 | 4 6 | Subscriptions in advance | 25 | 17 2 | 6 | 11 0 | 32 | 8 2 |
| | | | £936 | 1 7 | £977 | 7 5 | £1,913 | 9 0 |

Certified correct: F. OUGHTON, *Hon. Auditor.*
23rd January, 1935.

BALANCE SHEET, 31st December, 1934

LIABILITIES.

| | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
|--|-----|----|----|-----|----|----|---------------|----------|----------|
| Life Membership A/c... | 736 | 10 | 0 | | | | | | |
| Collected, 1934 .. | 8 | 8 | 0 | | | | 744 | 18 | 0 |
| Accumulated Revenue | 673 | 11 | 8 | | | | | | |
| Less Loss for year owing to failure of Geneva Bank | 37 | 15 | 8 | | | | | | |
| | | | | 635 | 16 | | | | |
| Subscriptions in advance | | | | 32 | 8 | 2 | | | |
| | | | | | | | 668 | 4 | 2 |
| | | | | | | | <u>£1,413</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>2</u> |

ASSETS.

| | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
|-----------------------------|-------|----|----|---------------|----------|----------|
| Net Balance at Bank | 215 | 16 | 0 | | | |
| Investments at Cost | 1,197 | 6 | 2 | | | |
| | | | | 1,413 | 2 | 2 |
| Investments :— | | | | | | |
| 4% Victory Bonds .. | £450 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| 3½% Conversion Stock | 400 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| 5% Conversion Stock | 450 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| | | | | £1,300 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | <u>£1,413</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>2</u> |

LIFE MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT.

| | £ | s. | d. |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|----------|
| Balance, 31st December, 1933 | 736 | 10 | 0 |
| Received, 1934 | 8 | 8 | 0 |
| | | | |
| | <u>£744</u> | <u>18</u> | <u>0</u> |

| | £ | s. | d. |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|----------|
| To Life Membership A/c. | 8 | 8 | 0 |
| Balance, 31st December, 1933 | 736 | 10 | 0 |
| | | | |
| | <u>£744</u> | <u>18</u> | <u>0</u> |

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23rd January, 1935.

THE
ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH MEMBERS
OF THE
SWISS ALPINE CLUB

RULES

1. NAME.

The name of the Association shall be "THE ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH MEMBERS OF THE SWISS ALPINE CLUB."

2. OBJECTS.

The objects of the Association shall be:—

- (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 for the building or maintenance of S.A.C. Huts, and for such other purposes as the Committee 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 climbers a spirit of sociability, and in particular to provide a common meeting ground in London or elsewhere.
- (e) To initiate and co-operate in any movement that may tend to increase the membership of the S.A.C. and of this Association.

3. CONSTITUTION.

The Association shall consist of (1) Ordinary Members and (2) Honorary Members.

Ordinary Members shall be divided into two classes (a) Town and (b) Country. Town Members shall be those who reside within a radius of 50 miles of Charing Cross. Country Members shall be those who reside outside that radius.

The qualification for ordinary membership shall be membership of some section of the S.A.C. The election of Ordinary Members shall be absolutely under the control of the Committee.

Honorary Members shall be elected by the Committee at their discretion.

4. SUBSCRIPTION.

The subscription to the Association shall be £1 per annum for Town Members and 10/- per annum for Country Members, the first subscription to be payable at election and subsequent subscriptions on the 1st January in each year. Any Member whose subscription shall not have been paid on or before the 1st March 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.

The payment of £8 8s. 0d. in the case of Town Members and £4 4s. 0d. in the case of Country Members shall constitute Life Membership.

For those elected BEFORE 1921 it shall be optional whether they pay 5/-, 10/- or £1 subscription, or £2 2s. 0d., £4 4s. 0d. or £8 8s. 0d. for Life Membership. For those elected AFTER 31st December, 1920, but BEFORE the 1st of January, 1930, it shall be optional whether they pay 10/- or £1 subscription or £4 4s. 0d. or £8 8s. 0d. for Life Membership.

5. MEETINGS.

- (a) An Annual General Meeting and Dinner shall be held in November or December. Other meetings may be held as the Committee think fit.
- (b) The Committee, on the requisition of twelve members, shall at any time call a Special General Meeting, provided that seven clear days' notice 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.

6. COMMITTEE.

The Management of the Association shall be vested in a Committee to be elected at the Annual General Meeting and to hold office from the 1st January following. The Committee shall consist of ex-officio Members, Ordinary Members, and such extra Members, not exceeding three, as may be co-opted in the manner hereinafter provided.

- (a) The ex-officio Members shall be the officers of the Association for the time being, viz.:

President,
 Vice-Presidents,
 Two Hon. Secretaries.
 Hon. Treasurer,
 Hon. Librarian,
 Hon. Solicitor;

who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, provided that the President shall not serve for longer than three years in succession.

- (b) The Ordinary Members of the Committee shall be 12 in number. One-third of them shall retire annually, and shall not be eligible for re-election until 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 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.

7. POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE.

- (a) The Committee may, by a two-thirds majority of those present, remove the name of any Member from the list of Members if they consider his conduct to be incompatible with membership of the Association; but such person shall have the right of appeal to the next Annual or Special General Meeting, which shall have the power of annulling, by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting, the decision of the Committee.
- (b) The Committee shall have power to submit any proposal affecting the Association to an Annual or Special General Meeting of the Members of the Association.
- (c) The Committee shall have power to increase the number of Officers by two.

8. ACCOUNTS.

The Accounts of the Association shall be audited in January and presented by the Hon. Treasurer at the next General Meeting of the Association, 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 for which the Members whom they succeed were respectively elected.

10. ROOM FOR MEETINGS AND LIBRARY.

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

11. PUBLICATIONS.

The Committee shall have power to publish an Annual Report and other publications.

12. ALTERATIONS 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 Association.

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 Association.

14. THE CHAIRMAN.

The Chair, whether at a General Meeting or at a Meeting of the Committee, shall be taken by the President of the Association, or in his absence by one of the Vice-Presidents. In the absence of the President and Vice-Presidents, the Meeting shall elect a Chairman from among the Members present. The Chairman shall, in case of an equality of votes have a second or casting vote.

15. RETIRED LIFE MEMBERS.

Life Members of the Association who have ceased to be Members of the Swiss Alpine Club may enjoy the privileges of the Association except that they shall not be eligible to fill any office of the Association or to serve on the Committee or to vote at any of the meetings.

LIST OF MEMBERS
OF THE
Association of British Members

OF THE
Swiss Alpine Club
(Corrected up to January 31st, 1935.)

*Indicates Life Member.

Italics, Hon. Member; 'AC.' Alpine Club.

Sections of S.A.C. in brackets.

†Indicates S.A.C. Veteran.

-
- Adams, W. (*Geneva*), Orchard House, Saffron Walden.
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 Circus, W.1.
 Aitchison, Irvine G., 'AC.' (*Prättigau*), 15, Loudoun
 Road, N.W.8
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 Anderson, G., 'AC.' (*Diablerets*), 32, Victoria Street,
 S.W.1 (*Hon. Librarian*).
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