

THE ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH MEMBERS OF THE SWISS ALPINE CLUB (ESTABLISHED 1909)

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ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH MEMBERS
OF THE
SWISS ALPINE CLUB

*The Annual Report, Accounts and Balance Sheet
for 1950.*

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 co-operate 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 703 and an analysis of the list of members shows their distribution among the various sections to be as follows:—

Altels - - - -	16	Interlaken - - -	37
Diablerets - - -	147	Monte Rosa - - -	183
Geneva - - - -	105	Oberhasli - - -	15
Grindelwald - -	60	Other Sections - -	52

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

NEW MEMBERS,

71 new members have joined during the past year, but 8 have died and 118 have resigned or not paid their subscriptions. It is hoped that members will make every effort to secure *new candidates* for the Association.

The numbers are now:—

December 31st, 1950	-	-	-	-	829
Less Resignations, Deaths, etc., during 1950	-	-	-	-	126
Total, January 1st, 1951	-	-	-	-	<u>703</u>

Of these, 80 are Life Members, 7 Honorary Members, 528 Ordinary Members, and 88 on the Retired List.

PROGRESS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Beginning with 26 Members in 1909 the membership rapidly rose until the first World War, when there was naturally a falling off; but from 1920 onwards the numbers rose again to over 700, when the financial crisis of 1931 hit the tourist industry in Switzerland very badly. The depreciation of the Pound kept the younger men away from the Alps to a noticeable extent, though by the summer of 1939 an improvement was beginning to show.

The Second World War naturally brought a heavy slump, and the numbers fell to below 400. With the re-opening of the Alps however in 1946, new members again began to come in at a very satisfactory rate, and quite a number of old ones rejoined. 1947 and 1948 brought in a record number of new members, many of them being from Scotland and the north of England, and the upward progress was well maintained throughout 1949, the total at the beginning of 1950 being no less than 758.

As was, however, envisaged last year the economic situation is beginning to have its effect upon our membership, and for the first time since 1945 our annual turnover shows a debit balance. Although our numbers are still above 700 they are bound to fall still further under prevailing conditions. What the future holds in store no one dare prophecy.

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. Members are entitled to use any S.A.C. Hut regardless of what Section they may belong to.

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, 1950.

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

50% Aigle-Leysin; Arth-Rigi; Brunnen-Morschach-Axenstein; Furka-Oberalp; Gerschnialp (33% only on return tickets and no reduction on the descent); Gornergrat; Interlaken-Heimwehfluh; Martigny-Châtelard; Ritom; Visp-Zermatt.

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

30% Jungfrau; Leukerbad; Niesen; Nyon-St. Cergue-Morez; Schwyz-Stoos Drahtseilbahn.

25% Berner Oberland; Bex-Villars-Bretaye (Chamosaire); Lauterbrunnen - Murren - Allmendhubel (Seilbahn); Muottas-Muraigl; Schynige Platte; Wengernalp.

20% Beckenried-Klewenalp (Luftseilbahn); Braunwald; Brienz-Rothorn-Bahn; Pilatus; Säntis-Schwebelbahn; Stanserhorn; Lake of Thun to Beatenberg.

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.

These benefits may be described as the purely personal ones; but one of the most attractive features is the Accident Insurance Policy which covers all members, details of which will be found on another page. The premium involved (which is included in the annual subscription) is far less than anything that can be offered by any British Insurance Company.

Lastly, but not least in importance, all members receive post free a monthly publication, published under the titles of "Die Alpen" or "Les Alpes," which contains articles of mountaineering and scientific interest in both French and German, occasionally in Italian and Romansch—and in English if our members will contribute them. It is beautifully illustrated, and young and ardent lovers of the Alps who want to know more of their beauties, older members who are content to look on them and older still those who live in memories of the past which this monthly review revives, may well think that it is worth the amount of the annual subscription even if the other advantages are no longer or can no longer be made use of.

Members can also get the S.A.C. Publications, including guide books, at reduced prices.

HOW TO JOIN THE SWISS ALPINE CLUB.

It is often thought by candidates that the qualification for membership may be a bar to joining the S.A.C. This is not necessarily the case. Most Sections require only a moderate qualification, guaranteed, however, by the assurance of a member that the candidate has some mountaineering experience. Officials of the Club will always be pleased to render assistance in this matter. 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.

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, Diablerets, Monte Rosa, Grindelwald and Interlaken Sections (the first three being French-speaking and the last two German-speaking) can be enrolled at *this* end. This takes a week or ten days if members also join the Association. 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 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 Central Committee has

decided that the old cards shall continue to be available until further notice, *provided the gummed slip for the current year, with the signature of the President of the Central Committee, 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 previous slip, and members are earnestly requested to stick it in as soon as they receive it. In the past 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 $1/9$.

The price of a new badge is $3/6$.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE.

Lieut-Colonel A. E. Tydeman was elected a Vice-President in place of Colonel E. R. Culverwell, whose term of office had expired. All the other officers were re-elected, including Dr. C. F. Fothergill, who was elected

a Vice-President during the year in place of Rev. G. H. Lancaster, deceased, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 9.

The following members of the Committee retired, having completed their terms of office: Messrs. Harold Dole, H. Norman Fox, R. A. Tyssen-Gee and W. S. Webb. The resulting vacancies were filled by the election of Messrs. W. J. Foster (Grindelwald), W. Kirstein (Uto), H. St. V. Longley Cook (Aarau) and D. Scammell (Diablerets).

The remaining members of the Committee were re-elected, and Colonel E. R. Culverwell was co-opted as an additional member of the Committee in accordance with the provisions of Rule 6 (b).

FINANCE.

The financial position at December, 1950, was substantially better than one could expect, seeing the adverse effect of currency restriction and devaluation of the Pound, and subscriptions to the Association only fell by some £22, representing a nett loss of about 50 members. The amount actually collected for the Swiss Alpine Club rose from £1,331 for 1949, to £1,674 for 1950, this appreciation of course, being due to the difference in the rate of exchange.

Our Balance Sheet shows a very satisfactory position. After allowing for the £592 4s. 10d. on deposit at the Bank as against Contingent Liabilities to the Swiss Alpine Club for past subscriptions, we have a Current Account of £927 and Investments at cost of £1,492, value about £1,500.

On the Revenue and Expenditure account, the chief items of interest are the rise in **Printing** and Stationery from £37 17s. 11d. to £57 13s. 10d., and the £100 which we received from the Paternoster Press for right of publication of the "Mountaineering Handbook." We have completely written off the cost of the "Epidiascope" as also the cost of fifty copies of the "Mountaineering Handbook," which we had to purchase from the publishers and send to Switzerland free of charge.

Permission to remit subscriptions has been granted by the Bank of England up to April, 1951. Those members, therefore, who have paid their subscription promptly can be assured of their benefits for the whole year, but it is possible of course in view of the financial stringency that we may not be able to do so after April.

THE SIR WILLIAM ELLIS'S TRUST FOR GUIDES OF SWISS NATIONALITY.

The distribution of grants to beneficiaries under this Trust in 1950 has been on practically the same lines as in 1949. There have been no deaths to deplore nor any demand for extra assistance which, anyhow, could not have been granted.

The S.A.C. have a similar Fund and the Trustees are keeping in touch with the Central Committee of the S.A.C. in order to avoid any overlapping that might otherwise occur.

THE HONORARY SECRETARIES.

All communications concerning the Association Meetings should be sent to Mr. Starkey unless otherwise stated; other communications may be made to either Secretary. Mr. Crepin's telephone number is Royal 3834, and Mr. Starkey's telephone number is Whitehall 1135. Their addresses will be found inside the cover.

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 5921. Resignations must be sent in before December 31st, and any member whose subscription remains unpaid on the 31st March following will automatically be struck off the list of members.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Subscriptions are due on the 1st January in each year. A notice will be sent by the Hon. Treasurer of the amount of subscription due for the current year. A Banker's Order is not desirable in these days of fluctuating exchanges and frequent changes in the subscriptions of the different Sections.

THE CLUB ROOM AND LIBRARY.

Although we still have no Club Room, the Library is again available to members. The Books are now at the premises of Messrs. R. Lehmann & Co., 28, Monument Street, E.C.3, and members can have access to them on Mondays to Fridays between 10.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. on presentation of their S.A.C. Membership Card. Any member who wishes to borrow a book from the Library is requested to enter his name in the book provided for that purpose, and not to keep the book so borrowed for more than one month. The Postal Service will be restored as soon as possible.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR 1951.

Meetings will be held (by kind permission) at the Alpine Club, 74, South Audley Street, W.1, at 6.30 p.m. on the following dates :

Wednesday, February 28th.	Wednesday, June 27th.
Wednesday, April 4th.	Wednesday, September 26th.
Wednesday, April 25th.	Wednesday, October 17th.

At these meetings there will be Papers illustrated by lantern slides as already announced. Committee Meetings will be held on these evenings at 5.30 p.m., and all meetings will be followed by an informal dinner.

The Easter Meet will be held at Pen-y-Gwyrd from March 21st to March 28th.

A Ladies' Night Dinner will be held at the Connaught Rooms on Wednesday, May 23rd, and further details will be issued later.

Members are requested to note that no meetings will be held this year on the fourth Wednesday of July or August.

The Annual Dinner has been fixed for Wednesday, November 28th, at the Connaught Rooms.

THE ANGLO-SWISS SOCIETY,

During 1950 the Anglo-Swiss Society, now three years old, organised fifteen functions for the benefit of its members and their friends. These functions varied from lectures at the Royal Society of Arts given by distinguished visitors from Switzerland to film shows, cocktail parties, luncheons and dinners. The year ended with a Christmas Dinner, Cabaret and Ball at the Dorchester, on December 11th, attended by over 300.

The Society has now established three centres in Switzerland; one at La Tour de Peilz in the French speaking area, another at St. Gallen in the German speaking area, and the third at Locarno in the Italian area. The centre at La Tour de Peilz proved very popular during the summer, particularly on August 19th, when a Garden Party was held in conjunction with the Anglo Swiss Club of Montreux. Over 100 British and Swiss members gathered together to meet the British Minister at Berne and Mrs. Scrivener.

During 1951 the Society is organising more lectures on Switzerland. There will be film shows and luncheons and dinners in honour of distinguished visitors from Switzerland. Once again there will be a joint Garden Party in Switzerland during August, and a Christmas Ball at the Dorchester on December 17th.

Members of the Society pay an annual subscription of £1, and enjoy various privileges, including membership when in Switzerland of 28 Anglo Swiss Clubs in Switzerland. The President of the Society is the Right Hon. Philip Noel-Baker, and the Association is represented on the Executive Committee by the Director, Lt.-Col. Stuart Townend. Full particulars of the Society can be obtained from the headquarters at 145 Palace Chambers, Westminster. Telephone WHItchall 8972.

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Roll of Honour.

1914—1918.



A. C. ADAMS.
RALPH N. ADAMS.
A. BLACKWOOD-PORTER.
R. BREWITT-TAYLOR.
A. B. CHALLIS.
W. CROWE.
N. S. DONE.
BERNARD ELLIS.
G. T. EWEN.
J. H. B. FLETCHER.
K. G. GARNETT.
T. H. GOOD.
CYRIL HARTREE.
C. E. KING-CHURCH.
M. MILEY (Junior).
E. DOUGLAS MURRAY.
T. D. OVERTON.
E. S. PHILLIPS.
A. I. PRITCHARD.
C. J. REID.
L. D. SAUNDERS.
C. R. M. SEBAG-MONTEFIORE.
R. D. SQUIRES.
R. K. STIRLING.
C. A. STURDY.
ROGER E. THOMPSON.
W. M. VINCENT.
KENNETH WILCOX.
H. D. WILLIS.

Roll of Honour.

1939—1945



J. CARR.

ALAN CLARK.

K. W. GRAHAM.

T. C. LARKWORTHY.

P. R. P. MIERS.

M. R. C. OVERTON.

G. W. M. SWALLOW.

J. MORIN (*Hon. Member*).

Obituary

GEORGE HAROLD LANCASTER

1882-1950

G. H. Lancaster was the second son of Dr. H. E. Lancaster, a consultant on the staff of Guy's Hospital. He was educated at the Mercers' School and Durham University. After a few years as a Schoolmaster he went into the Church and was ordained in 1906. For sixteen years he was Vicar of St. Stephen's, Bow, and in 1931 he became Vicar of St. Paul's, Winchmore Hill, where he spent the last nineteen years of his life. During the first World War he was a Chaplain in the 47th Division. He was greatly interested in astronomy and often wrote and lectured on the subject; he was for many years a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society. He was one of the founders of the Air Defence Cadet Corps, which subsequently became No. 85 Southgate Squadron A.T.C., and was its Chaplain and Vice-Chairman. He also took a keen interest in local affairs and was for some time a Borough Councillor.

In 1912 he went for a tour in Syria and Palestine, where he climbed a number of mountains in addition to Mount Carmel and the Lebanons, and was also Honorary Lecturer for the Palestine Exploration Fund. He joined the Association in 1913, and served more than one term of office on the Committee; he was a most regular attendant at all our Meetings. On 17th August, 1921, whilst British Chaplain at Saas-Fée, he officiated at the unveiling of the Memorial Tablet which had been placed on the Britannia Hut to commemorate those members who gave their lives in the first World War. His favourite centre was Zermatt, which he visited again and again; but he also climbed in Saas-Fée, Grindelwald, Chamonix and Pontresina. His favourite guide was Joseph Biner.

In later years he suffered a great deal from ill-health, and had several operations. Nevertheless he continued

climbing at intervals until 1938. When his health did not allow him actually to climb, he still took numerous parties of friends for Alpine Walks, including the crossing of easy glaciers. Besides climbing he interested himself in the movement of Glaciers; in addition, he made experiments as regards atmospheric pressure at different heights in relation to the heart and breathing. He was also much interested in the "Geographical background" of the high Alps, in land and people, their work, their habits and pastimes.

When he was elected a Vice-President of the Association at the end of 1949 he was already a sick man. The last time we saw him was at the Annual Dinner that year when with great courage he came along, although feeling far from well, and in a very charming speech proposed the Toast of "The Swiss Confederation." He died about four months later at the comparatively early age of 68. He was one of our oldest members, and will be sadly missed by his many friends in the Association.

We desire to tender to Mrs. Lancaster our heartfelt sympathy in her great loss.

S. De V. M.

M. N. C.

GEORGE DEAN RAFFLES TUCKER

1878-1950

In G. D. R. Tucker our Association has lost a devoted and very gifted member who was linked to us by ties of intimacy and friendship.

As the son-in-law of our former President, Dr. H. L. R. Dent, and brother-in-law of our life-member, Dr. J. Y. Dent, he would naturally have enjoyed our special consideration, but our regard for him was further enhanced by his extraordinary pluck in attending a number of our meetings and dinners even during the last eight years when he was blind.

Tucker was born in 1878 and educated at Temple Grove, Wellington College and Magdalene College, Cambridge, where he won the Chancellor's Medal as well as the Greek and Latin gold medals for verse. In 1903 he went to the British Museum to the Printed Book Department where he worked till 1939. He married Dr. Dent's daughter Phyllis and had two daughters and one son.

After many seasons of walking and climbing in the Swiss and Austrian Alps, he was elected to our Association in 1914 and to the Alpine Club in 1918. He started his Alpine Walks in 1888 at the early age of ten and did most of his serious climbing before the first World War. His favourite centres were Zermatt, Grindelwald, Rosenlauri and Kandersteg; and he also did a certain amount of climbing in Austria.

The Alpine photographs which he exhibited annually at the Alpine Club were highly spoken of in the "Alpine Journal" as well as in *The Times* and other papers. In his day he was a very fine racquets and tennis player, and he also excelled at billiards. He was a member of the Royal Astronomical Society, and did valuable work for it with a large telescope in his garden. He was also a poet.

Although he did no serious Alpine Climbs after 1918 he went out to Switzerland nearly every year between the two World Wars and took the keenest delight in showing his family his previous climbs.

Our sympathy goes out very sincerely to Mrs. Tucker and her family in their sad bereavement.

S. De V. M.

ANTHONY MELLAND ROBINSON

1907-1950

Anthony Robinson died on the 18th August, 1950, after an operation, at the early age of 43. He was educated at Marlborough and Clare College, Cambridge, where he took honours in the Natural Science Tripos; in 1940 he joined the staff of the Admiralty Chemical Pool,

and later was appointed to the newly-formed Royal Naval Scientific Service where he made original contributions in analytical research.

Mountaineering with him was a passion to the exclusion of every other sport and activity, but, as often happens, his love of the hills was shared with a love for music. His climbing career is fully detailed in his delightful book, "Alpine Roundabout"; the Roundabout began in 1926 at Chateau d'Oex and was afterwards chiefly in the Oberland.

His climbing companion for the last eight years prior to the war was K. C. P. Struvé, who was thirty years his senior. Both of them preferred the lesser known climbing centres, and both of them were always ready to persevere in a false start which resulted in more than one completely unorthodox but extremely gratifying expedition. Although Robinson's preference was for rock climbing he was also very competent on ice and snow.

His premature death has robbed the Association of a very promising climber, and he will be sadly missed by all his friends. We desire to tender to Mrs. Robinson and her young son our deepest sympathy in their irreparable loss.

K. C. P. S.
M. N. C.

As we go to press we much regret to learn of the deaths of Mr. William Garden, Mr. G. D. Hobson and Lieut.-Colonel J. P. Mead, C.B.E. They will be sadly missed by all who knew them.

THE EASTER MEET.

When the report of a meet starts, as this one must, with a statement that the weather was very bad, it is normally taken for granted that little climbing was done. The meet at Ballachulish, from April 5th to 12th, did not run true to form, since some of the worst weather we have experienced was combined with some of the best mountaineering. Moreover, the warmth of the welcome given us by Mr. and Mrs. Davidge of the Ballachulish Hotel, and the comforts they provided, did much to compensate for the bleakness which surrounded us, and the meet can therefore be recorded as one of the more successful in the annals of the Association.

As Easter approached, a mild winter was, though belatedly, doing its best to impart a more traditional aspect to the grand peaks and ridges which hem in Glencoe. As, on our arrival, we descended the Glen by bus, we saw that the rocky bastion of Buachaille Etive was well plastered with fresh snow. Before many days had passed we ourselves had, many times, been assailed by snow as well as rain. We had seen the snow creep down the hill sides to loch level; we had walked for hours on end in thick mist and occasionally in tempestuous winds; we had accustomed ourselves to eating our lunches crouched behind snow-soaked boulders during the inevitable mid-day blizzards; and we had thoroughly enjoyed ourselves in the somewhat masochistic way common to climbers.

Of rock climbing proper, needless to say, we had none, though a party of younger members made a determined commando raid on Ossian's Cave. We were, however, amply compensated by some fine expeditions on snow and rock, on faces and on ridges.

The first expedition of note was a double traverse of the Ben Vair peaks done by two parties starting at opposite ends of the range, which met according to plan somewhere near the middle of the ridge, despite a thick mist. This was followed by a fine step-kicking climb on the

face of Bidean nam Bian in snow and mist, with a howling gale on the summit ridge, which was, mercifully, very short. On the same day another party traversed the rock ridge of Aonach Eagach, which they found mainly free from snow. A few days later a small party again traversed the many peaks and pinnacles of this grand arête in very different conditions. Fresh blizzards, which continued intermittently during the climb, had smothered all the rocks and built up knife-edges of untrodden snow between the gendarmes of the ridge. The result was an "Alpine" climb of continued interest and not a little difficulty.

Apart from these main ascents several less exacting climbs were made, including the Pap of Glencoe, whilst some of the ladies added to the cultural range of the party with sketching and monolith research.

Those who attended the meet were Colonel and Mrs. E. R. Culverwell, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Mears, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Starkey, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Crepin, and Messrs. W. J. Adams, M. N. Clarke, R. G. Dunning, W. J. Foster, P. J. Horniblow, C. G. Markbreiter, R. Parker, A. U. Sarpy, K. C. Stringer and E. L. Theobald.

The organisation of the climbing was again in the very capable hands of George Starkey and other ropes were led by R. P. Mears and E. R. Culverwell. The return to active mountaineering of our ex-Vice-President will be for all of us the happiest memory of this memorable meet.

F. R. C.

THE AUSTRIAN MEET, 1950.

On July 27th, 1950, seventeen members and friends foregathered at the Pension Gstrein, at Vent in the Oetztal.

The foregoing is a simple statement but it covers many vicissitudes. Most members of the meet had arrived in Austria by train or by air, and after reaching Zwieselstein by bus, had made their way to Vent by jeep transport. To appreciate to the full this form of travel, as practised in Austria, one must actually undergo one journey at least.

The remaining four members arrived in what came to be known as the "Van." In appearance this conveyance resembled a small baker's delivery van. It had four wheels and presumably a motor but, from all accounts, it had little else. However, the van got its passengers to Vent and home again, so having given it an honourable mention it is perhaps best to dismiss it with a benediction.

We were delighted to find that Pension Gstrein is a modern building situated in the meadows some five minutes walk above Vent itself.

The Pension was clean and comfortable, and our hosts, Herr and Frau Gstrein, were very successful in their efforts to make our visit a happy one.

There are many climbing huts on the slopes above the Oetztal and they are, in common with most, if not all, Austrian huts, virtually fully provisioned mountain hotels. There is, however, an excellent arrangement in Vent under which the climber pays full pension at his hotel but, when he goes up to a hut, he carries with him a series of vouchers for the meals he will need.

This entirely does away with the necessity for carrying heavy loads of food and is simplicity itself from the financial point of view.

Although the party numbered seventeen persons there were only ten climbers. Two guides were engaged so that with two amateur leaders in the persons of Messrs. Greg and Starkey, the party was in a very convenient and manageable form.

Much has been said about Austrian guides and the comments have not always been happy ones. Suffice it to say, however, that our two guides, Serafin and Vincent Fender, were excellent. Serafin, the leading guide, speaks very good English; Vincent understands a little and speaks less.

Early in the meet it became apparent that the climbers divided naturally into two groups. There were three young men and seven climbers with a greater tale of years.

It was, therefore, possible to allot one guide to the three young men and, while this did not mean that the meet was in any sense divided into two compartments, it did mean that the young men could be given their heads without tying them to the more sedate pace of their elders.

It is now perhaps convenient to detail the actual expeditions diary form :

July 28.—The meet leader having already been in Austria climbing for a week felt himself to be in good training, so he and the young men climbed the Kreuzspitze above the Sammoar Hut.

Whilst this was going on the rest of the climbing party went for what was supposed to be a training-walk under the leadership of Robert Greg. In point of fact the alleged walk took some of them to the top of the Vorder Spiegelkogel, a very creditable performance for a first day.

July 29.—Rejoicing in its light rucksacks the whole party went up to the Vernagt hut but had its high spirits damped considerably by the bad weather which arrived about midday and continued into the night.

July 30.—Dawn, however, shewed fair weather, and the party set out to climb the Fluchtkogel by the ridge from the Hintergrasl Joch. This is a nice first day ridge of mixed rock and snow. The young men were soon out of sight with their guide, and when we met them again at the hut we discovered that in addition to the Fluchtkogel they had climbed the Kesselwand Spitze as well.

The elderly party continued to the summit at their own speed, and after a comfortable lunch enjoying the superb views, made their way down to the Guslarjoch and so back to the hut and Vent.

July 31.—An easy day. The whole party went up to the Sammoar hut in doubtful weather which broke in a bad thunder and hail storm about midday.

Some of the young men had started early with the intention of taking two of the non-climbers up the Kreuzspitze. They were however caught in the thunderstorm just below the ridge and returned to the hut drenched to the skin but otherwise in good order.

August 1.—Very bad weather at first, so we decided to go on up to the Similaun hut and see how things turned out. In the event the weather cleared and the whole party climbed the Similaun under beautiful conditions of sunshine. This period of fine weather was, however, short lived, and by dinner time the clouds were down again and once more rain was falling.

August 2.—Our intention had been for everybody to climb the Finailspitze, but when the leader consulted the guides at 4.30 a.m. it was pouring with rain and everybody went back to bed. In due course breakfast was taken in an atmosphere of gloom, both within and without. In the middle of the morning the young men, bored with doing nothing, decided to go down to Vent. It is suspected that one at least wanted to go for a motor ride in the "Van."

The elderly lingered until they had partaken of an enormous lunch and then decided to go down as well.

Whilst crossing the side glacier which leads to the Hauslab Joch, from which the best way up the Finailspitze starts, a semblance of a temporary weather clearance appeared. The party, six climbers and a guide, halted and hesitated. The usual discussion

ensued and in the event three members decided to continue down to Vent whilst the guide with Crepin, Greg and Starkey went off to climb the Finailspitze. It was 1 p.m.

Here it may be remarked that we suspect that Mrs. Starkey, Parker and Richards who decided to continue down, really did so out of the goodness of their hearts, realising that a party of seven was rather too large for the climb under the existing conditions.

Serafin, the guide, led off at a cracking pace up to the Hauslabjoch, along the narrow snow ridge leading to the rocks and up them to the summit. The alleged clearance in the weather was a snare and a delusion, and we were soon climbing in a biting wind and falling snow.

However, the summit was reached in two hours, and in another hour we were back at our starting point on the glacier. It was still raining and it continued to rain all the way back to Vent.

August 3.—This was an off-day for the elderly, but the young men and their guide went up to the Breslau hut with the intention of climbing the Wildspitze (the highest point in the Oetztal mountains) by the ridge and face route known as the Partschweg. Their further plans were to traverse the mountain and then cross the glaciers to the Brandenburger Haus.

From there they would traverse the Weisskugel and return to Vent.

August 4.—The elderly party started up to the Breslau hut with the same plans as the young men but were surprised to meet the latter coming down. The weather had been indifferent and they had climbed the Wildspitze successfully in intense cold. There was, however, much new snow on the glaciers so they decided to avoid the snow ploughing and approach the Weisskugel from a different direction.

The elderly continued upwards and were soon caught in a heavy snow storm which was to last for fifteen hours.

August 5.—The party at the Breslau hut rose at 5 a.m. after a bitterly cold night to find that a foot of new snow had fallen at hut level. It was still misty, but the snow had virtually ceased, consequently with two other parties we set out for the Wildspitze.

Once fairly on the mountain we discovered that something like a yard of new snow had fallen and the going along the ridge was sufficiently arduous. However, among the four ropes involved there were two guides who did yeoman service in breaking the trail and who showed great skill on the upper portion of the mountain.

In this part the climb is really a broken face climb but a cunning selection of a route on a series of small rock ribs brought us to the top of the mountain with little or no risk from avalanches.

The climb took six hours which is nearly twice the normal time. It was tough, but it was magnificent.

On the summit we quickly realised that there could be no question of crossing the glaciers to the Brandenburger Haus ; the wind and the large amount of new snow effectually put an end to that plan.

The party therefore returned to the Breslau hut by the circuitous ordinary route of ascent. The hours spent doing this were rather trying, buffeted as we were by the stinging blast of snow particles driven into our faces as we ploughed through the heavy snow. So back to the hut and down to Vent to consider further plans.

Whilst all this was going on the young men in pursuance of their plans had climbed the Finailspitze.

August 6.—Several of the elderly party woke to discover that yesterday's weather had affected their eyes and that they were suffering from incipient snow blindness. Later the guide turned up suffering in the same way, which was a consolation, if only a negative one.

Whilst the elderly party was, as it were, licking its wounds, the young men returned to Vent having climbed the Weisskugel.

August 7.—The last day left for climbing. Two of the young men having left, the whole party rose early to climb the Grosser Ramolkogl direct from the hotel. The route selected was over the North West ridge.

A long grind, first over pastures and then over scree slopes brought us to the ridge in beautiful weather.

The ridge turned out to be very like some of the best parts of the Cuillin ridge in Skye, with snow added towards the summit.

Over an hour was spent basking in the sunshine on the top and enjoying the view which was perfect in every direction.

On this day we saw the Ortler and the Bernina groups, and almost every mountain in the Oetzal Alps clearly laid out for our delectation.

The final day of the meet was spent largely in packing up and paying up, and on August 9th the members of the party went their various ways; some to music in Salzburg, some to more climbing elsewhere, but others back to England.

It may be asked what the non-climbing members were doing all this time. Looking back it is almost surprising how much they were actually with the climbing parties. A few it is true went motoring in the "Van" occasionally, but all spent at least one night with the climbing parties in the huts.

The foregoing is a short account of the expeditions accomplished during the meet. Limitations of space almost forbid mention of such happenings as the passage of a chamois across the meadows not fifty yards from the hotel at breakfast time; of the sight of the Similaun, newly covered with snow, as it emerged from the remnants of a thundercloud or of the shattering thunderclap which followed the lightning flash which struck the glacier a bare quarter of a mile away, and of the many similar incidents which go to make up a climbing holiday.

Suffice it, however, to say that although prevented by financial conditions from climbing in the mountains of

our first love, Switzerland, we had indeed climbed in high mountains and received the refreshment of body and spirit which this brings.

Those attending the meet were Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Crepin and Miss Crepin, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Richards and their niece Clare, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Starkey, Miss P. Bayard, Miss G. Parker, and Messrs. G. Calton, R. G. Dunning, R. L. Greg, R. Parker, C. R. Simpson, K. C. Stringer and E. L. Theobald.

G. S.

THE BRITISH MOUNTAINEERING COUNCIL.

The Association has continued its membership of the Council and has been represented at all the Committee Meetings. The annual Meeting of the Council was held in Manchester, on June 24th, 1950, and the Association was represented by Mr. Geo. Starkey, supported by Mr. Robert Greg who deputised for Messrs. Clarke and Crepin, who were unable to attend.

The year saw the end of Mr. A. S. Pigott's term of office as the President of the Council, and Lord Chorley was elected to succeed him.

Arising out of the prosecution of Mr. Wilson Hey for irregularities in the matter of supplying morphia for the Mountain Rescue Outfits, a deputation, including Mr. Pigott, in his capacity of President, attended at the Home Office, and obtained concessions permitting the issue of morphia in the future. The B.M.C. was charged with the responsibility of implementing the required safeguards against misuse.

The most important of the Council's activities at the present time arise out of the proposed North Wales Hydro-Electric Schemes.

Considerations of space forbid a full description of the proposals of the British Electricity Authority. Full details of these are set out in "The Case against the Schemes," which is the official booklet of the Committee referred to below and can be obtained (price ninepence) from their headquarters at 93a Scotland Road, Liverpool 1. Suffice it to say that in the view of many persons well qualified to speak, Snowdonia, already scheduled as a National Park, would be ruined if the proposals were carried out.

The North Wales (Hydro-Electricity) Protection Committee, representing many and various interests, has been formed and the Council is represented on this Committee. The aims in view are not only to protest vigorously against the Schemes but also to educate public opinion and to raise funds to engage Counsel to oppose the Bill in Parliament at the Committee stage.

G. S.

CLUB NOTES.

Four years ago we had hopes that things were beginning to go back to normal. The Alps had been re-opened to climbers the previous summer, and the Association, after the slump brought about by the second World War, was expanding rapidly. We hoped that in a year or two all restrictions would be swept away. But, alas, our hopes were very short-lived. One crisis followed another. First, the currency allowance for foreign travel was cut down from £75 to £50 and later to £35; then there was a complete ban on foreign travel for nine months; then came the devaluation of the Pound. It is true that the currency allowance was increased again to £50 in 1949, and that it has been further increased to £100 this year—but what is that concession worth under present conditions?

In 1948 the ugly spectre of war again began to raise its head, and for the last three years we have found ourselves starting off for our summer holidays hoping that war would not break out before we got back. It is quite true that up to a year ago our numbers were increasing with amazing rapidity, and at the beginning of 1950 we found ourselves with the record total of 758 members. It must be admitted, however, that many of these new members joined simply to get Swiss currency and not because they were keen on what the Association stands for, and they never attended any meetings or took any part in the life of the Association. Furthermore, the habit which has sprung up of not resigning but merely allowing one's subscription to lapse has resulted in a great deal of unnecessary work for the Hon. Treasurer, who is a very busy man. It is quite obvious that the peak has been reached, and in fact for the first time since 1945 our annual turnover shows a debit balance—a net loss of 55 members. We have got to face the fact that the next few years are likely to show a steady decrease in membership. What the future holds in store no one dare prophecy.

As far as the Association is concerned the most important event of the year was the publication of "Mountaineering Handbook," on May 15th—a fitting culmination to the two and a half years work which was put in by the editorial Sub-Committee. Like all technical books it was bound to come in for some criticism, but it has been well received and is selling steadily. We are very much indebted to the Paternoster Press for their valuable co-operation in arranging the publication and putting it on the market for us.

After nearly half a century the sanctity of the Matterhorn is threatened again—this time by a railway which it is proposed to build up the Italian side of the mountain. It is difficult to find language sufficiently strong to condemn such a project, and it is to be hoped that not merely every climbing club but every lover of the mountains will join with the Swiss Alpine Club in their efforts to prevent this monstrous proposal from being carried into effect.

As a result of the devaluation of the Pound and the consequent drastic reduction in the Swiss rate of exchange, it was found impossible to hold a Meet in Switzerland in 1950; but a most successful Meet was held at Vent, in the Oetzal, an account of which will be found elsewhere in this Report. To our great regret the Annual Swiss Dinner had to be abandoned owing to lack of support, and a last minute attempt to hold an Informal Dinner in Zermatt fell through owing to lack of numbers.

Members who cannot afford Guides are recommended either to join the Association Meet or else to join the climbs arranged by their respective Sections.

At home the Association has had another most successful year. It was again possible to arrange a most interesting series of papers, details of which are set out

below. Once again we should like to express to the Alpine Club our great appreciation of their kindness in allowing us to hold our meetings in such attractive surroundings. In addition to the ordinary meetings a formal Ladies' Night Dinner was held at the Connaught Rooms on May 24th, at which Mr. C. Douglas Milner read a most interesting paper illustrated by very fine coloured lantern slides. The Annual Dinner, of which details are given on another page, was the largest since 1938.

We have lost through death eight members during the past year: Rev. G. H. Lancaster, Captain Marriott, and Messrs. W. L. Adams, P. S. Harvey, J. M. S. Roberts, Anthony M. Robinson, T. Thompson and G. D. R. Tucker. They will be sadly missed by all who knew them. Obituary notices of Rev. G. H. Lancaster, Mr. Anthony M. Robinson and Mr. G. D. R. Tucker will be found on another page.

Evening Meetings were held at the Alpine Club in January, February, March, April, June, September and October, and the following papers were read, all of which were illustrated by lantern slides:—

- January 25th—"The Maloja Meet, 1949" (Lieut.-Colonel A. E. Tydeman and Mr. Geo. Starkey).
- February 22nd—"Some Aspects of Polar Travel" (Mr. E. W. K. Walton).
- March 22nd—"Seven Years of Easter Meets" (Mr. F. R. Crepin).
- April 26th—"With Ice Axe and Ski in the Valais" (Mr. W. Kirstein).
- June 28th—"In the Beginning" (Mr. R. Parker).
- September 27th—"Scrambles in the Salbitschyn" (Mr. H. St. V. Langley-Cook).
- October 18th—"Tyrol and Thereabouts" (Mr. W. J. Foster).

We are very much indebted to these members for making these meetings such a success.

The attention of members is drawn to the List of Meetings for 1951 which was issued in December, and is reprinted elsewhere in this report.

Members who do not receive their proper copies of "Les Alpes" should communicate at once with the Hon. Treasurer.

The Hon. Librarian reports that the Library was used a fair amount during 1950.

He gratefully acknowledges the gift of a copy of the "Mountaineering Handbook" by Mr. A. G. Schofield. Members who are French or German scholars still have an opportunity of keeping their knowledge up to date by acquiring the remaining stock of "Manuel d'Alpinisme" and "Bergsteigen" which the Hon. Librarian desires to dispose of. He would like to draw attention to the very interesting first number of the journal of the Irish Mountaineering Club. The Editor is certainly to be congratulated on its humour and versatility.

We welcome also very particularly "This my Voyage." by Dr. T. G. Lonsstaff, which is far the most interesting volume of mountaineering and mountain travel published in 1950, and which reveals also the author's profound understanding of Asiatic mountain tribes and their psychology.

We much regret to have to report the death of Mr. P. J. H. Unna, who was a member of the Association for many years prior to the war, and served on the Committee. He was a former president of the Scottish Mountaineering Club.

The Monte Rosa Section have conveyed their New Year Greetings to their British Members, which they in turn will heartily reciprocate. With 183 members the

Monte Rosa Section has now got a larger representation in the Association than any of the other Sections. The Monte Rosa Section is, of course, the Valais Section—a name which brings back to our members many very happy memories.

Mr. Lehmann has received from the President of the Central Committee a personal letter of greeting and appreciation for all the work that he has done for the S.A.C.

Not only mountaineers and skiers, but all lovers of Switzerland, were profoundly shocked at the news of the terrible avalanche disasters which occurred as this Report was going to press. Resolutions of sympathy were forwarded by our Committee to His Excellency the Swiss Minister and the President of the Central Committee of Swiss Alpine Club, and a donation was sent to the relief fund organised by the Swiss Red Cross Society for the assistance of the victims and their families. If any members feel that they would like to make individual contributions, arrangements will be made to forward them to the proper quarter.

We should like to congratulate Canon Veazey on the publication of his charming little booklet, "The Epic of Adelboden." Canon Veazey was for many years Vicar of St. Mark's, Camberwell—a large working-class parish in South London. This little booklet is an enchanting account of how year after year he enabled parties of his parishioners to visit the beauties of the high Alps—truly a magnificent bit of Social Service.

We should like to take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation of the hospitality which has been extended to us by our friends of the Ladies' Alpine Club during the past year, and were very pleased to be able

to welcome their President to our Annual Dinner at the Connaught Rooms on November 22nd. We need hardly add that if they would care to come to any of our evening meetings we shall be delighted to see them.

The Annual Dinner was held at the Connaught Rooms on Wednesday, November 22nd. The President was in the Chair, and 110 Members and Guests were present. It was the biggest Dinner since 1938.

The Guests of the Association were His Excellency the Swiss Minister (Monsieur Henri de Torrenté); Mr. J. M. Wordie (Vice-President of the Alpine Club); Mrs. Milsome (President of the Ladies' Alpine Club); Mr. Bryan Donkin (President of the Climbers' Club); Mr. R. Dupraz (President of the City Swiss Club); Mr. H. O. Ernst; Mr. A. Kunz; and Major W. J. Ingham.

Dr. C. F. Fothergill proposed the toast of "The Swiss Confederation" to which the Swiss Minister replied. The President then proposed the toast of "The Association," and in doing so gave a resumé of the activities of the past year. Then Lieut.-Colonel A. E. Tydeman proposed the toast of "The Guests and Kindred Clubs," which was responded to by Mrs. Milsome. After that Mr. B. L. Richards proposed the toast of "The Chairman." The President replied and thanked the executive officers of the Association for their services during the past year, and that concluded the proceedings.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS, 1951.

The Hon. Secretaries will be very 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 outside the official Meet, 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 by 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 Association in any matters connected with holiday plans *which members are advised to make much earlier than they did before the war*; 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.

At the time of going to press the Excursion Programmes of the various Sections were not available, but any members who are interested may obtain them from the Hon. Treasurer.

SUNDAY WALKS.—If members are desirous of arranging a training walk at any time, the officers of the Association will always be very glad to put them in touch with others

similarly inclined, whenever possible. Such members should communicate with the Hon. Editor not later than the previous Wednesday. A Club Walk will be arranged on one Sunday a month if there is sufficient demand for it.

INSURANCE AGAINST ACCIDENTS.

The Insurance Contract between the Swiss Alpine Club and the Swiss Insurance Companies is renewed from year to year on the same terms unless notice of termination is given by either side. The sum assured varies according to the sections. With some it is 10,000 francs, with others 8,000 francs, payable at death, or proportionately for permanent disablement. For 1951 the standard premium has been raised by one franc owing to the greatly increased number of accidents.

The Insurance covers accidents in the Central European Alps, the Jura, Pyrenees, Apennines, Carpathians, Vosges, Black Forest, **England, Scotland and Wales**, but it does not cover Norway, Himalayas, etc.

The terms of the policy of insurance take effect in favour of members "*au moment ils ont acquis la qualité de membre.*" It is possible that, strictly speaking, this may mean the date when the candidate is actually elected a member. For the convenience of would-be members the Honorary Treasurer issues membership cards at short notice and before the candidature has been ratified by election at a meeting of the particular section.

The Insurance Company has not denied liability in respect of accidents occurring between the date of issue of the membership card and the date of actual election, and it is not expected that they would do so in future. To be on the safe side, however, members should allow sufficient time (normally seven to eight weeks) for their candidature to be ratified by the particular section before proceeding to the Alps. Neither the Association nor the Honorary Treasurer can accept any responsibility should the Insurance Company take the above-mentioned point in any individual case.

The benefit of the insurance can now only be paid to wife and children, grandchildren, parents, and brothers or sisters, and the benefits cannot be assigned to, or claimed by, any other parties.

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. The insurance does not cover accidents to means of transport to take the climber to where he intends to start his ski excursion, and thus excludes ski lifts, teleferiques, postal cars, etc., or accidents to the insured in the immediate neighbourhood of his place of residence.

Additional premiums of :

6 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.

12 francs will cover a daily allowance of 6 francs

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on the above terms.

12 francs will cover the insurance for medical expenses up to a maximum of 300 francs.

If the patient be taken to hospital there will be a deduction from the above 300 francs to cover the cost of maintenance at the hospital as distinct from expenses of Doctor, medicines, massage, etc.

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

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

The attention of members is particularly drawn to a Clause under which the Insurance Companies decline responsibility for accidents to solo or improperly equipped climbers or anyone unaccompanied by a person of over 17 years of age.

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 should also refer to "Les Alpes." The exact reference can, if required, be obtained from the Honorary Treasurer.

ACCIDENTS AND FIRST AID.

Members are advised that Thomas Stretchers and complete First Aid Equipment have been installed at the following positions in the British Isles, for use in the case of mountain accidents.

SCOTLAND

Crianlarich Area :

Police Station, Crianlarich. Tel. : Crianlarich 222.

Glencoe Area :

Clachaig Hotel, Glencoe. Tel. : Ballachulish 252.

Skye—Cuillin Hills :

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2. *Sligachan Hotel. Tel. : Sligachan 1.*

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Alps Valaisannes (Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4)

Baedeker's Eastern Alps

" Norway and Sweden

Baedeker's Switzerland

" Tyrol and Dolomites

Ball's Alpine Guides :—

*Eastern Alps (1868)

Central Alps (2 Vols.)

Pennine Alps

North Switzerland

Western Alps

St. Gothard and Italian Lakes

Climbers' Club Guides :—

Cwm Idwal

Glyder Fach Group

Tryfan Group

Lliwedd Group

Dauphine and Savoie *Joanne*

Guida dei Monti D'Italia (I.A.C.)

Hochgebirgsführer der Hohen Tatra, Vols. 2, 3 and 4

Switzerland..... *Murray*Switzerland..... *Macmillan*Switzerland..... *Ward Lock*Climbing in the Ogwen District..... *Archer Thomson*" " Appendix *Porter*Climbs on Llewedd..... *Thomson and Andrews*

C.A.I. Guide (Alpi Venosti, Passirie, Breonie)

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Central Alps of the Dauphiné..... *Coolidge*Chamonix and Mont Blanc..... *Whymper*Zermatt and the Matterhorn..... *Whymper*Climbers' Guide to the Interior Ranges of British Columbia
*Thorington*Climbers' Guide to the Rocky Mountains of Canada
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Cyclists' Guide to the English Lake District

Der Hochtourist (Vols. 1, 3 and 7)..... *Meyer*Dolomiten Fuhrer (Vols. 1, 2 and 3)..... *Artaria*

Guide to Doe Crag (Coniston)

Guide to the Climbs on Harrison Rocks (Sussex)

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S.M.C. Guide (Ben Nevis)

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Walks and Climbs Around Arolla

Conway and Coolidge's Pocket Guides :—

- Bernese Oberland, Vol. 1, Part 1, Gemmi-Monchjoch
 " " " 1, " 2, North and South of Main Range
 " " " 2, Monchjoch to Grimsel
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 Bernina Alps, Part 1, West to Muretto Pass
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 Lepontine Alps The Simplon to Arolla
 Adula Alps Eastern Pennine Alps
 Chain of Mont Blanc Zermatt
 Central Alps of the Dauphiné

S.A.C. Guides :—

- Berner Alpen 2 (Gemmi bis Petersgrat)
 " " 3 (Bietschorn und Aletschorn Gruppen)
 " " 4 (Petersgrat-Finsteraarjoch-Unteres Studerjoch)
 Glarner Alpen
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Association of British Members of the Swiss Alpine Club

BALANCE SHEET, 31st December, 1950

1949		LIABILITIES.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
907 15 0		Life Membership Account ..		924 11 0			
1 1 0		Subscriptions in advance ..	6 6 3				
401 1 7*		1941 Subscriptions due to S.A.C. ..	401 1 7				
11 5 0		Sundry Creditors (unpaid cheques) ..	33 10 4		440 18 2		
1,535 18 0		Accumulated Revenue ..	1,681 3 6				
31 0 10		Less Depreciation on Epidiascope ..	31 0 10		1,650 2 8		
					£3,015 11 10		

1949		ASSETS.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
706 0 6		Current Account at Bank ..	927 12 5				
592 4 10		Deposit Account at Bank ..	592 4 10				
4 10 11		Cash in hand ..	3 11 11		1,523 9 2		
1,492 2 8		Investments at Cost ..			1,492 2 8		
		INVESTMENTS.					
		2½% 1975 Treasury Stock (£200)					
		3% Defence Bonds (£1,000)					
		3% British Transport Guaranteed Stock (£550)					
		3½% Conversion Stock (£46 16s. 10d.)					
					£3,015 11 10		

* There is a contingent liability to Switzerland of £191 3s. 3d. in addition to the above.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT.

£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
869 19 0		Balance—31st December, 1949	907 15 0		
37 16 0		Collected 1950 ..	16 16 0		
			£924 11 0		

£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
37 16 0		Collected 1950 ..	16 16 0		
869 19 0		Balance—31st December, 1949	907 15 0		
			£924 11 0		

CHAS. LEHMANN, *Hon. Treasurer.*

Certified correct: J. A. MARSDEN-NEYE, *Hon. Auditor.*

19th January, 1951

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR

RECEIPTS.

1949			Section	Association	Total					
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.					
1,331	2	3	Subscriptions received, 1950	1,674	7	9				
16	3	9	Subscriptions forward, 1949	1	1	0				
1	1	0	Subscriptions received, 1951	4	16	3				
								1,680 5 0		
400	5	9	Subscriptions received, 1950		378	7	10			
7	0	0	Subscriptions received, 1951		1	10	0			
31	6	8	Interest, less Tax (£45 19 5 less £14 12 6)		31	6	11			
19	0	10	Library Account		3	7	8			
			Re "Mountaineering Handbook"		100	0	0	514 12 5		
				£1,680	5	0	£514	12	5	
1,485	4	4	Accumulated Revenue		1,504	17	2	1,504 17 2		
				£1,680	5	0	2,019	9	7	
								£3,699	14	7

CHAS. LEHMANN, *Hon. Treasurer.*

ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1950

EXPENDITURE.

1949				Section		Association		Total	
£	s.			d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.
1,352	9	4	Remittances to Sections	1,637	11	7			
12	4	6	Subscriptions Returned	1	14	0			
30	12	0	Clubroom Expenses				30	12	0
34	19	5	Postages				38	1	6
115	1	7	Annual Report				113	8	10
12	15	0	Clerical Assistance				12	15	0
6	6	0	Insurance				5	4	0
37	17	11	Printing and Stationery				57	13	10
64	5	5	Library				45	0	0
15	17	3	Sundries				18	0	4
13	10	3	Entertainment Expenses				11	4	3
17	10	0	Subscriptions—B.M. Council				17	10	0
5	12	2	Corporation Duty, 1949/50				2	19	0
35	4	9	" Mountaineering Handbook "				10	12	6
			Lantern Expenses				6	15	0
			Donation—London Diocesan Fund				3	3	0
				1,639	5	7	372	19	3
				4	16	3	1	10	0
1	1	0	Subscriptions in Advance						
1,485	4	4	Accumulated Revenue				1,504	17	2
				1,644	1	10	1,879	6	5
50	13	8	BALANCE REVENUE				176	6	4
				£1,644	1	10	£2,055	12	9
							£3,699	14	7

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19th January, 1951.

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 for one year 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,
 Two Elective Vice-Presidents,
 Honorary Vice-Presidents,
 Two Hon. Secretaries,
 Hon. Treasurer,
 Assistant Hon. Treasurer,
 Hon. Editor,
 Hon. Librarian,
 Hon. Solicitor ;

who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, provided that neither the President nor any Elective Vice-President shall serve as such for longer than three years in succession.

- (b) The Ordinary Members of the Committee shall be twelve 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, or failing them by one of the Honorary Vice-Presidents. In the absence of the President, Vice-Presidents, and Honorary 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.

TEMPORARY RULES

(a) Until the remittance of subscriptions to Switzerland is again permissible, members who find themselves unable to continue their membership of the Swiss Alpine Club may still remain members of the Association for the time being on payment of the usual rates of subscription, notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 3, but subject to the provisions of Rule 15.

(b) Membership of the Association may be granted even though membership of some section of the Swiss Alpine Club is not obtainable owing to currency or other restrictions, on the understanding that this condition will be fulfilled at the earliest possible moment.

These Temporary Rules are at the moment in abeyance; but, in the event of the Treasury re-imposing the ban on the remittance of subscriptions to Switzerland, they will automatically come into force.

LIST OF MEMBERS
OF THE
Association of British Members
OF THE
Swiss Alpine Club
(Corrected up to 31st January, 1951.)

*For privacy individual names and addresses have been removed.
Names and addresses can be obtained, for research purposes only, by reference
to the Editor or going to the hard copies in AC library in London.*

703 Members, of whom 80 are Life Members, 7 Honorary Members,
88 on Retired List, and 528 Ordinary Members.

HON. MEMBERS.

*(Included in the List of Members.)**The President of the Swiss Alpine Club (ex-officio).*Clarke, M. N., 'AC.' (*Monte Rosa*) (*Hon. Secretary*, 1929-1948.)D'Arcis, Egmond (*Geneva*).De Torrenté, *His Excellency Monsieur, the Swiss Minister.*Graham, Reginald, 'AC.' (*Geneva*) (*Hon. Auditor*, 1915-1922.)Mariétan, Abbé Dr. Ignace. (*Monte Rosa*).Renaud-Bovy-Lysberg, J. L. (*Geneva*).

KINDRED CLUBS.

The Alpine Club, 74, South Audley Street, W.1.

Alpine Ski Club, Hon. Sec., Wing-Commander K. C. Smith, 22, Cottesmore Gardens, W.8.

Ladies' Alpine Club, Hon. Sec., Mrs. Starkey, 30, Fairholme Road, Ilford, Essex.

American Alpine Club, Hon. Sec., Henry S. Hall, Junior, 154, Coolidge Hill, Cambridge, Mass., U.S.A.

Cambridge University Mountaineering Club, c/o The Scott Polar Research Institute, Lensfield Road, Cambridge.

Camping Club of Great Britain and Ireland (Mountaineering Section), Hon. Sec., A. T. Boyson, 38, Grosvenor Gardens, S.W.1.

Climbers' Club, Acting Hon. Sec., Kenneth Berrill, St. Catherine's College, Cambridge.

Fell and Rock Climbing Club (London Section), R. A. Tyssen-Gee, Fairways, Colley Manor, Reigate Heath, Surrey.

Fell and Rock Climbing Club, J. C. Appleyard, Greystones, Torver, Coniston, Lancs.; W. E. Kendrick, Customs and Excise, 1, Meeting House Lane, Lancaster (Hut and Meet Secretary).

Glasgow University Mountaineering Club, Hon. Sec., Douglas C. Hutchinson, 47, Barfillan Drive, Glasgow, S.W.2.

Imperial College Mountaineering Club, Hon. Sec., J. A. Butcher, Imperial College Union, Prince Consort Road, S.W.7.

Irish Mountaineering Club, Hon. Sec., J. P. O'F. Lynam, 40, South Hill, Milltown, Co. Dublin.

Kenya Mountain Club of East Africa (Kenya Section), P.O. Box 1831, Nairobi, Kenya, East Africa.

Manchester University Mountaineering Club, Hon. Sec., H. S. Loxley, The University Union, Manchester 15.

Midland Association of Mountaineers, D. J. Munns, Lingmell, Beacon Hill, Aldridge, Staffs.

Oxford University Mountaineering Club, c/o School of Geography, Mansfield Road, Oxford.

Rucksack Club, Hon. Sec., J. E. Byrom, Highfield, Douglas Road, Hazel Grove, Cheshire.

Ski Club of Great Britain, 3, Hobart Place, Eaton Square, S.W.1.

Yorkshire Ramblers' Club, Hon. Sec., F. S. Booth, 42, York Place, Leeds 1.

- Scottish Mountaineering Club, Room 31, Synod Hall, Castle Terrace, Edinburgh.
- South Africa, Mountain Club of, P.O. Box 164, Cape Town, South Africa.
- Wayfarers' Club, Hon. Sec., R. Shaw, Glencoe, Heswall, Cheshire.
- Ladies' Scottish Climbing Club, Hon. Sec., Miss A. Smith, Addistoun, Ratho, Newbridge, Midlothian.
- Ladies' Swiss Alpine Club, President, Mlle. Conne, 5, Quai de l'Île, Geneva, Switzerland.
- Himalayan Club, Hon. Sec., c/o General Staff, Army Headquarters, New Delhi, India.
- British Mountaineering Council, Hon. Sec., J. A. Stewart, 28, Castellan Road, W.9.

SWISS ALPINE CLUB SECTIONS.

- Altels Section: R. Ludi, Posthalter, Kandersteg. Subscription £2 17s. 6d. Entrance fee 16s. 8d.
- Bern Section: W. Sutter, Weissensteinstrasse 49, Bern. Subscription £3 5s. 0d.
- Bernina Section: P. Pedrun, Silvaplana. Subscription £2 17s. 6d. Entrance fee 11s. 9d.
- Diablerets Section: G. Gentil, Place Chauderon 26, Lausanne. Subscription £2 11s. 0d. Entrance fee 16s. 8d.
- Geneva Section: P. Pidoux, 11, Grand' Rue, Geneva. Subscription £3 1s. 6d. Entrance fee 10s. 0d.
- Grindelwald Section: P. Schild, Waldhotel, Bellary, Grindelwald. Subscription £2 9s. 6d. Entrance fee 15s. 0d.
- Interlaken Section: F. Stahli, Unionstrasse, Interlaken. Subscription £2 12s. 6d. Entrance fee 16s. 8d.
- Monte Rosa Section: Marcel Joye, St. Maurice (Valais). Subscription, £2 12s. 6d. Entrance fee, 8s. 6d.
- Montreux Section: A. Griesser, Banque Populaire Suisse, Montreux. Subscription £2 9s. 6d.
- Oberhasli Section: T. Thöni, Bankbeamter, Meiringen. Subscription £2 14s. 6d. Entrance fee 16s. 8d.
- Swiss Alpine Club Central Committee: Caspar Spälty-Dürst, Glarus. Editor of *Les Alpes*, Professor Louis Seylaz, Avenue de la Dole, 23, Lausanne.

Other sections on application.

The Swiss Observer, 23, Leonard Street, London, E.C.2.

Price 3d.

LIST OF OFFICERS SINCE THE FORMATION OF THE ASSOCIATION

Presidents

1909-1911	Clinton Dent.
1912-1922	A. E. W. Mason.
1923-1926	Dr. H. L. T. Dent.
1927-1930	Brigadier-General The Hon. C. G. Bruce, C.B., M.V.O.
1931-1933	W. M. Roberts, O.B.E.
1934-1936	A. N. Andrews
1937-1945	C. T. Lehmann.
1946-1948	Dr. N. S. Finzi.
1949-	Gerald Steel, C.B.

Vice-Presidents

(from 1948)

1948-1949	Gerald Steel, C.B., and Colonel E. R. Culverwell, M.C.
1949-1950	Colonel E. R. Culverwell, M.C., and Brigadier E. Gueterbock.
1950-1951	Colonel E. R. Culverwell, M.C., Rev. G. H. Lancaster (died April, 1950), and Dr. C. F. Fothergill.
1951-	Dr. C. F. Fothergill and Lieut.-Colonel A. E. Tydeman.

Prior to 1948 the Vice-Presidents of the Association did not hold office for any definite period, and in the majority of cases, once elected, held office for life. In later years, with few exceptions, only those who had held office as President were elected Vice-Presidents. In 1947 it was considered that this system was not satisfactory and that in future there should be two Vice-Presidents only who, like the President, should not hold office for longer than three years in succession. At the Annual General Meeting in 1947 the existing Vice-Presidents were created Honorary Vice-Presidents, and as such hold office for life subject

only to re-election at each Annual General Meeting. The following were Vice-Presidents of the Association between 1909 and 1948 :—

Dr. O. K. Williamson.
 H. G. Pulling.
 J. A. B. Bruce.
 Dr. H. L. R. Dent.
 A. E. W. Mason.
 Brigadier-General The Hon. C. G. Bruce, C.B.,
 M.V.O.
 Sir R. Leonard Powell.
 C. T. Lehmann.
 W. M. Roberts, O.B.E.
 A. N. Andrews.
 Sir William Ellis, G.B.E.
 F. W. Cavey.

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 1929-1930 W. M. Roberts and M. N. Clarke.
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