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# ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH MEMBERS OF THE

# SWISS ALPINE CLUB

The Annual Report, Accounts and Balance Sheet for 1951.

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

The Association has been able, in many ways, to 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 678 and an analysis of the list of members shows their distribution among the various sections to be as follows:—

Altels -		-	-	I 3	Interlaken -	-	-	32
Diablerets	-	-	~	134	Monte Rosa	-	-	179
Geneva	-	-	-	97	Oberhasli -	-	-	13
Grindelwal	d	-	-	59	Other Sections	~	-	45

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

# NEW MEMBERS.

66 new members have joined during the past year, but 7 have died and 83 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, 1951 - - - 768

Less Resignations, Deaths, etc., during 1951 - 90

Total, January 1st, 1952 - - 678

Of these, 79 are Life Members, 7 Honorary Members, 486 Ordinary Members, and 106 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 that year the economic situation is beginning to have its effect upon our membership, and again this year our annual turnover shows a debit balance. Although our numbers are still not far short of 700 they are likely 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 I fr. 50c. per night, and a non-member 3 to 5 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," March, 1951.

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

- 50% Aigle-Leysin; Aigle-Sépey-Diablerets; Arth-Rigi; 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% Monthey-Champéry; 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 (Chamossaire); Braunwald; Lauterbrunnen-Murren-Allmendhubel (Seilbahn); Muottas-Muraigl; Schynige Platte; Wengernalp.
- 20% Beckenried-Klewenalp (Luftseilbahn); Brienz-Rothorn-Bahn; Pilatus; Säntis-Schwebebahn; 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, includ-

ing 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 3½ x 1½ 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.

Colonel E. R. Culverwell, M.C., was elected President in place of Mr. Gerald Steel, C.B., whose term of office had expired. All the other officers were re-elected, and Mr. Steel was elected an Hon. Vice-President.

The following members of the Committee retired, having completed their terms of office: Messrs. J. Amphlett, H. N. Fairfield, E. A. Ling and R. Parker. The resulting vacancies were filled by the election of Dr. V. W. Dix (Interlaken), and Messrs. C. B. D. Campbell (Geneva), T. J. Fowle (Diablerets) and H. McArthur (Grindelwald). Mr. A. U. Sarpy (Diablerets) was elected to fill the casual vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. H, S. K. Stapley in accordance with the provisions of Rule 9. The remaining members of the Committee were re-elected.

#### FINANCE.

The Hon. Treasurer is glad to be able to report that the Accounts for 1951 show a very satisfactory position of the Association, the accumulated revenue amounting now to £1,699 12s. 9d. as against £1,650 2s. 8d. for 1950.

Our Current Account at the Bank has been reduced from £927 128. 5d. to £722 198. 9d., largely through the purchase of £253 38. 2d. of Conversion Stock to bring our holding of this security up to £300, increasing our total investments to a nominal sum of £2,050: value as at December 318t, 1951, £1,700.

Our Deposit Account at the Bank has been reduced by the remittance to Switzerland of the 1941 subscriptions which hitherto had been held up by the Treasury and been placed to Deposit Account.

Income and Expenditure show a surplus of Income of £49 10s. 1d. There are no significant figures in either.

The subscription to the British Mountaineering Council remains at £17 10s., as in 1950; but half of this will be carried forward to 1952 subscription.

Permission has been received from the Bank of England to remit subscriptions up to the end of 1952. No guarantee is given beyond that date.

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

The distribution of grants to beneficiaries under this Trust in 1951 has been on practically the same lines as in 1950, and Josef Knubel has now been added to the list at the request of Mr. Winthrop Young. There have been no deaths to deplore nor any demand for extra assistance.

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 1952.

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 27th.

Wednesday, June 25th.

Wednesday, September 24th.

Wednesday, October 15th.

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 the Old Dungeon Ghyll Hotel, Langdale, from April 9th to April 16th.

A Ladies' Night Dinner will be held at the Connaught Rooms on Wednesday, May 28th, 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 26th, at the Connaught Rooms.

### ANGLO-SWISS SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN.

The Anglo-Swiss Society, founded in 1948, is now firmly established and has reached a membership of over 700. The Society organises the usual functions such as Dinners, Balls, Luncheons, Lectures, Film Shows, Concerts and others to celebrate special occasions, and to entertain distinguished visitors from Switzerland. Besides this, the Society has gained many privileges for its Members.

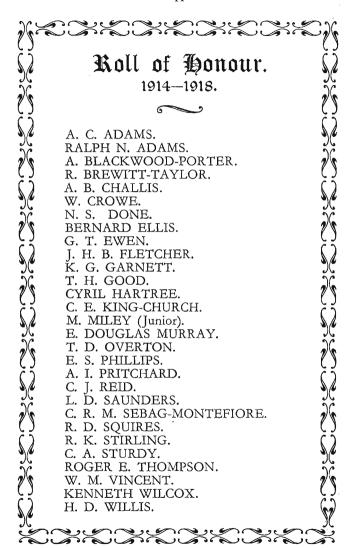
Three Centres have been established in Switzerland: at La Tour de Peilz in the French-speaking area, at St. Gallen in the German-speaking area, and at Locarno in the Italian-speaking area. The most popular, without any doubt, has been the one at La Tour de Peilz. Situated on the edge of the Lake of Geneva, facing south and looking on to the Dents du Midi, the Centre consists of a small, excellently-run hotel, with an outstanding cuisine. Its private beach has been found most convenient, and a ten-minute tram service from the door takes visitors to Vevey or Montreux.

The Director of the Society organised a summer holiday language course for students in La Colline, a house next to the hotel. At Christmas the Centre organises a winter sports party with daily visits to the Rochers de Naye, which is reached in one hour and where there are always excellent snow conditions suitable for beginners and experts, with a ski lift at over 6,000 feet.

The Society now provides a membership badge giving the right of entry, without additional subscription, to the functions of some twenty-eight Anglo-Swiss Clubs in Switzerland. There is also a car badge which is recognised by the Automobile Association of Switzerland.

The Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Society is Lt.-Col. Stuart Townend, a member of the Association. The President is The Rt. Hon. Philip Noel-Baker, M.P., and there is a distinguished Committee of Patrons, amongst whom are to be found all the living former British Ministers to Berne.

The annual subscription is £1, covering twelve months' membership, and the Society's Headquarters are at Hill House, 17, Hans Place, London, S.W.1. Telephone: KNIghtsbridge 1331. H. S. T.





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# **O**bituary

# CANON HARRY GEORGE VEAZEY, M.B.E.

# 1864-1951

The Association has lost a familiar and much-loved figure at its gatherings in the person of Canon H. G. Veazey who-to use his own expression-"climbed higher" on 12th August, 1951, in his eighty-seventh year. Born at Whitby on 2nd December, 1864, he brought a Yorkshireman's vigour and strength of purpose to his life-work in South London which began in 1890 after some years in the Civil Service and a course of training at Kings College and led, through curacies and mission work in Stockwell, Woolwich and Camberwell, to the vicarage of St. Mark's, Camberwell, where for forty-seven years, until his retirement in 1949, he exercised a profound influence on the spiritual life and temporal welfare of many thousands. His passion for social righteousness led him to carry on a fearless campaign, in the furtherance of which he became a member of the local Borough Council, for better housing conditions, with far-reaching results for South London. In 1917 he was made an Honorary Canon of Southwark, in 1927 a Fellow of his old College, and in 1948 a M.B.E.

He conceived an early love for the Alps and did much walking and some climbing while holding summer chaplaincies at many centres such as Bel Alp, Lac Champex, Zermatt and Chamonix—his first recorded ascent being Titlis in 1896; but with characteristic unselfishness he spent most of his available time for many seasons in the organisation and leadership of the well-known Adelboden parties, consisting at first of people from his own parish but growing to include many others who, but for him, might never have tasted the joys of Alpine holidays. These remarkable undertakings were described in a recently-issued pamphlet entitled "The Epic of Adelboden." His own climbing and explorations took second

place, but covered many districts, from Chamonix to the Oetztal. Some of our members will remember him as officiating on behalf of the Association at the dedication of the enlarged Britannia Hut in 1929. His recorded ascents included all those round Adelboden as well as Monte Leone, the Pigne d'Arolla, attempts on the Matterhorn and peaks in the Saas Fee region, Piz da la Margna (with the writer: an unforgettable experience!) and, for his last, the Wildstrubel. His joyful appreciation of every aspect of Alpine beauty was immense and an inspiration to all his numerous companions.

He was a member of the Geneva Section of the S.A.C., and of the Association, from 1920, and delighted in our meetings at which he was usually accompanied by Mrs. Veazey, life-partner in all his work and activities, and their family. In 1947, almost on his eighty-third birthday, he was immensely gratified by his election to the Alpine Club in recognition of his abilities as a climber, his extensive knowledge of the Alps and his devoted service in bringing some of that knowledge to so many others.

It is given to few to be held in such grateful and affectionate remembrance by so many, and members of the

Association are proud to be amongst them.

J. E. M.

#### THE EASTER MEET

The Easter Meet was held from March 21st to March 28th, at Pen-y-Gwryd, where we were made most com-

fortable by Mr. and Mrs. Briggs.

The Meet was remarkable for the severity of the weather; the favourite ridge walks were mountaineering expeditions which could only be attempted with ropes and ice axes and even then required considerable care. Most of the climbs were out of condition and in consequence comparatively little was done.

On the last day a large party of our members were reduced to attempting the ascent of Snowdon by the ordinary tourist path up from Llanberis, but when they reached the railway they found above them a 200 foot slope of hard snow up which steps had to be cut. By the time the top of the slope was reached it was getting late and, as it was uncertain what the conditions were like

higher up, the party felt that it might be more prudent to

turn back and acknowledge defeat.

In consequence of the treacherous conditions there were a deplorable number of fatal accidents. The outcome of this was a terrific Press campaign which had two very desirable results:—(1) it kept the less experienced climbers away from the hills at Whitsuntide when the conditions were exceptionally treacherous and thus prevented an even larger crop of accidents, and (2) it raised the whole question of safety measures and prevention of accidents in British hills.

This early and wintry Easter also had the effect of reviving the clamour for a fixed Easter. But it is only right to point out that mid-April Easters are frequently cold and wet, whilst some of the finest Easters on record have been those at the end of March. It is perhaps as well that this highly controversial proposal has been dropped.

The meet was attended by 18 members and guests:—Colonel and Mrs. E. R. Culverwell, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Crepin, Mr. and Mrs. George Starkey, Mrs. P. Benner,

Dr. J. W. Healy and Messrs. Clarke, Greg, Hebden, Hutchinson, Parker, Sears, Stringer, Sutton, Theobald and Watmore.

The 1952 Easter meet will be held at the Old Dungeon Ghyll, Langdale, from April 9th to April 16th, and let us hope that this Easter (which incidentally falls exactly where our Calendar Reformers think that it ought to fall) the clerk of the weather will make amends for his behaviour the last three years.

M. N. C.

# THE SILVRETTA MEET, 1951

On the afternoon of July 26th an overcrowded bus swayed and jolted its way along the Montafon Tal in the Vorarlberg to stop with screaming brakes before the door of Post Hotel Rössle in the village of Gaschurn. A motley crowd and a mountain of luggage descended on to the steps of the hotel. The meet had arrived at its destination.

When order was restored it was found that Roy Crepin had performed his bi-annual miracle of engaging accommodation by post and of fitting the members of the meet into the varying types of room to the great satisfaction of all concerned.

Over tea under the chestnut trees we took stock of our new surroundings and found them good. The hotel is an old building with many turns and twists to its passages and many quaint carvings on its woodwork. The proprietor and his son made us very welcome and were unceasing in their efforts to make the meet a success.

The village of Gaschurn is comparatively low, standing at a height of only about three thousand feet. The surroundings are extremely pleasant. On one side of the valley extensive woods clothe craggy slopes whilst on the other side the pastures sweep upwards dotted with picturesque chalets, and the scene is dominated by the peak of Vallula at the head of the valley. The whole area gives the impression of a private park rather than a workaday village in a large valley.

As the weather appeared to have cleared up after the rainstorms of the previous few days the meet ate its dinner with a quiet mind and then assembled over coffee for a preliminary discussion on future procedure.

The party consisted of twenty-one persons of whom fifteen proposed to climb whilst the remainder wished to walk. As events turned out most of the walking was done with the climbing party since it became the happy practice of most of the walkers to come up to the huts

with the rest and after spending the night to continue their walk next day.

Three guides had been engaged so that with the four or five members of the party who led ropes the meet formed a very flexible party to organise.

Four huts are available for climbing—the Tubinger, the Saarbrückner, the Wiesbadener and the Jamthal Hut. They extend in a rough line from west to east along the main range and the plan was to visit them in succession spending two nights at each. This was the basic plan but we were fortunate in having almost perfect weather with the result that the basic plan became vastly distorted and with the ample supply of leaders the meet soon became scattered in various directions all over the range.

The chief problem which confronted the meet leader was to keep in his mind exactly where everybody, especially the guides and rope leaders, was so that nobody was left high and dry and the wishes of all were met. However with a little luck and a large expenditure of bad German this problem was solved perhaps not inadequately.

In common with all the Austrian huts those in the Silvretta are provisioned so that cooked meals can be bought when required. This arrangement obviates the necessity of carrying great loads of provisions. The hotel co-operated in this matter excellently. The son of the house, jointly with the meet leader, kept a register of all meals taken by all persons in huts and an appropriate deduction was made from the hotel bills. This excellent arrangement was, thanks to the co-operation of the hotel, exceedingly simple to work and the result was very gratifying.

The highest village in the valley is **Parthenen** which is the base of a large hydro-electric scheme complete with two reservoirs, pipe lines and power stations. The lower pipe line has a service rail track running up beside it for about 2,000 feet to which reference will be made later.

When the meet ended it was found that sixteen peaks

had been climbed by forty-two parties and perhaps it will not be out of place to chronicle the daily events in diary form:

- July 27.—Most of the party walked up to the Tschambreu alp to get its legs into working order. The alp was eventually reached after a steep struggle up dense vegetation and undergrowth owing to the fact that the path appears largely to have been washed away. A few members went varying distances up the Breitfielerberg. One member lost a small bet when he found that he could not walk "up to that belt of rocks" in twenty minutes. On the return to the hotel the Hon. Physician of the meet was called upon to attend a member for a mild bout of ton-sillitis but he was unable to persuade his patient to remain in bed for more than twenty-four hours.
- July 28.—Up to the Tubinger Hut in about five and a half hours. Most of the walking party came as well and a riotous evening was spent. Two of the guides arrived, one of whom strongly disapproved of English methods of climbing rocks.
- July 29.—A mixed bag of climbers ascended the Plattenspitze and traversed across the passes to the Saarbrückner Hut. One party went direct to the hut. Most people spent the afternoon in the sun around the hut watching the more energetic members who climbed the Klein Litzner. The third guide arrived in the evening.
- July 30.—A general exodus. Four parties for the traverse of the Gr. Litzner and Gr. Seehorn and one party for the Gr. Seehorn only. There were exciting doings on the traverse as at least six other parties had the same objective. Two of our parties, one led by a guide and one by an amateur, were at the end of this vast queue and seemed likely to finish their traverse in the dark. In the event the guide was struck, not seriously, by a stone from a shower sent down from the summit. This happened about

two thirds of the way up. Taking all the circumstances into account the two ropes decided to descend and live to fight another day. The other ropes finished their expedition in good order.

July 31.—An off day for some. One party had its revenge on the Litzner-Seehorn traverse and one party went to the Wiesbadener Hut over the passes, whilst it was arranged for everybody to rendezvous there on August 1st.

August 1.—A rumour had been flying about that the public could use the cable railway which ran up beside the Parthenen pipeline and, as this would materially assist in the very long ascent to the Wiesbadener hut, enquiry was set on foot. For once rumour was correct, the public could indeed use the lift and free of all charge except for a small tip. Suffice to say that seven brave souls put the matter to the test and although terrified at the extreme steepness of the rise found themselves some 2,000 feet up in about twenty minutes. A walk through a series of tunnels for about one and a half miles brought the adventurers on to the path to the hut at the level of the first reservoir. Thereafter the lift became much frequented. The re-united meet compared notes to find that one party had arrived via the summits of the Schneeglocke-Silvrettahorn-Eckhorn and Signalhorn whilst another had climbed Piz Buin by the south-east ridge and descended by the usual way to the Buin Lücke.

August 2.—A general scattering of parties—two ropes on Piz Buin, one on Kl Buin as well—two ropes on Silvrettahorn and two on Eckhorn and Signalhorn whilst two ropes traversed Schattenspitze-Schneeglocke-Silvrettahorn. Dinner was an uproarious affair crowned by an unexpectedly successful effort on the part of the meet leader to make the leading guide understand just where we wanted the guides during the next few days and the precise times we wished them to be at hand.

August 3.—Everybody left the Wiesbadener but with diverse plans. The whole meet climbed the Dreiländerspitz in five parties by varying routes all of which converged near the summit. This is a rock tower which looked more fierce than it actually turned out to be. A traffic policeman would have been in his element organising the passage of the many parties along the narrow ridge to the summit and down again. A nice little climb in beautiful weather.

Back on the Ochsenscharte the meet divided. A majority went over to the Jamthal Hut with designs on the Fluchthorn; some climbed the Jamspitz en route. The remainder returned to Gaschurn for an off day with varying future intentions. A few were bent on revenge on the Gr. Litzner and Gr. Seehorn traverse whilst the others had designs on Vallula at the head of the valley. In the evening the weather broke in the mountains.

- August 4.—A rest day for some. Doubtful weather in the valley. Very bad high up. The Fluchthorn party were defeated by the weather after getting soaked to the skin and nearly blown away. Some returned to Gaschurn to go home, others remained in the hut hoping for a clearance next day.
- August 5.—The revenge party went up to the Saarbrückner hut in bad but improving weather. The Fluchthorn party, except one man and a guide, descended having been beaten again by climatic conditions. In the evening one member, feeling in an hospitable mood, bought half a litre of schnapps and invited the meet to dispose of it for him.
- August 6.—The vengeful party at the Saarbrückner hut woke to a morning of beautiful weather and started out first, followed by a party of young Swiss with their guide.

Although the average age of the party was just

over fifty-one years it kept in front without difficulty and in fact was on the top of the second peak, the Gr. Seehorn, at the moment the Swiss party arrived on the summit of the first peak, the Gr. Litzner. The elderly gentlemen felt there were still some dregs of vitality left in their ageing limbs.

The solitary pair at the Jamthal hut seized their opportunity and distinguished themselves by making the complete traverse of the Fluchthorn.

Whilst all this was going on the party in Gaschurn made a dash for the Vallula direct from the hotel. Their adventures were many, varied and sometimes curious but they traversed the mountain and returned in style in the hotel car which they had ordered by telephone from the Madlener Haus.

Everybody had had a good day and no one wished to risk an anti-climax by trying for something on the one remaining day. So the party remained in the valley. Some had already gone home, two others rushed off to the neighbourhood of Berchtesgarten to try to climb the Watzmann. This attempt was unfortunately frustrated by bad weather.

The remainder paid their bills, the guides were paid off and the rest of the day was spent in eating and drinking and varying forms of riotous living.

On August 8th the meet broke up in a violent deluge of rain which was destined to disorganise transport all over the Alps and which continued for several days. A few members travelled home together as far as Bâle where after a battle for sleeper tickets and an epochmaking dinner in the station restaurant they parted on their several routes homeward.

The Assistant Hon. Treasurer and his wife left on the last day to cross the Garneira pass into Switzerland. They were caught in the violent weather and after being storm bound in the Tubinger Hut for two nights arrived in Switzerland in good order albeit soaked to the skin.

So ended the Association's fifth Alpine meet. It closed on a note of successful accomplishment for all members and was noteworthy not only for the high score of expeditions happily undertaken and successfully completed, but also for the high level of good fellowship and co-operation between all members of the party.

Those taking part in the meet were: Mr. and Mrs Crepin, Colonel and Mrs. Culverwell, Mr. and Mrs. McArthur, Mr. and Mrs. Schofield, Mr. and Mrs. Geo Starkey, Miss M. Munro and Messrs. M. N. Clarke, T. J. Fowle, R. L. Greg, J. W. Healy, R. Parker, G. Sutton, N. Robinson, K. C. Stringer, E. L. Theobald and N. A. Thompson.

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# THE NORTH WALES HYDRO-ELECTRIC SCHEMES

# By T. CLUTTERBUCK

Since the day, some two years ago, when these schemes were disinterred from their pre-war pigeon hole, dusted, and presented to the public by the British Electricity Authority, no one can complain, either that they have lacked publicity, or that there has not been adequate controversy on their merits.

Now, however, the first of the Bills is actually before Parliament, and so it may be a good moment to try and summarise the case.

The great public interest in the proposals has inevitably led to some heated opinions, and there has been a good deal of exaggeration. No one really believes that an engineer is a vandal whose immediate and only reaction to a stretch of fine scenery is to wonder how best it can be spoiled. Neither, on the other hand, are the opponents of the present schemes recruited from shaggy-haired intellectuals and reactionaries whose aim in life is to obstruct all progress and who would condemn the population of North Wales to a permanent regime of candles and peat fires.

Technically the proposed schemes are completely conventional and quite free from even the faintest flavour of that famous vegetable—the edible groundnut. The probable output of electricity can be predicted with reasonable accuracy subject only to annual fluctuations of rainfall, and even here there are enough records of past weather to cut out most of the uncertainty.

There is also no doubt that the schemes, when completed, will save an amount of coal which, though only a very small fraction of the country's total output, is nevertheless in itself quite a sizable amount.

Furthermore, hydro-electric plant by its special nature does possess advantages for meeting sudden demands for peak load power as compared with any other type of plant at present developed. This advantage is likely to be challenged in the near future by the gas turbine, but at the moment evolution of the latter has still some way to go particularly in the direction of using coal fuel in place of oil.

Other sources of power which are from time to time put forward as candidates for the job are wind, tides, imported energy from the continent of Europe and, lastly, the ever fashionable atom. Of these, the first three will almost certainly forfeit their deposits for reasons which any engineer can supply. Atomic energy is something of a dark horse. There is little doubt of its ultimate success, but it may be many years before this is achieved.

The above very brief summary of the technical side of the schemes is more or less common textbook knowledge. Unfortunately the other factors in the controversy are matters either of prophecy or individual opinion, and therefore more difficult to summarise fairly.

Taking first the economics of the scheme, it is proverbial that figures can be made to prove anything, but, if this shocks any statistically-minded reader of this article, let him (it is usually a him) remember that, in order to make a fair comparison between the economics of water and steam power, he will need, amongst other information, accurate figures of:

(a) The cost of constructing steam and hydro plants up to fifteen years hence, as compared with present-day figures.

(b) The current rate of interest for money borrowed at intervals during the next fifteen years.

(c) The cost of coal at a power station throughout the period A.D. 1960 to A.D. 2020.

(d) The coal required per unit of electricity for plant installed during the same period.

(e) Salary and Wage scales, A.D. 1960 to A.D. 2020.

(f) The estimated extra value of electricity available

at peak load hours as compared with the average cost of generation, i.e. the market

value of the loss of goodwill, etc., due to load shedding.

These are only some of the factors, but enough to show the utter impossibility of making an accurate forecast of the economics of the rival systems. All that can be done is to take present-day values and then make a wild guess at their future trend. On such a basis it can be said that there will probably be little to choose between steam and water power in this respect.

If the proposed schemes were situated in some dull and unattractive landscape, this article could end here. Unfortunately, however, the proposed works must be placed in an area of great—and in many respects unique—natural beauty, and this at once brings in the most vexed question of amenity values. And, since no one has yet found a generally acceptable rate of exchange between beauty and sterling, this is where the real controversy starts.

Many people have written to me and to others expressing their opinions of the merits of the proposed schemes. The majority of writers favour the dropping of the schemes. At the other end of the scale, some see no harm in them and apply epithets such as misleading, prejudiced, stiff-necked and hysterical to the former section. In between, there is the usual assortment of those who accept the schemes provided that varying amounts of modifications to the more objectionable features could be agreed with the Authority.

But—and this is the crux—one and all, almost without exception, embody somewhere in their letter a keen desire that nothing should be done to spoil the great beauty of the North Wales mountains!

Quite obviously no solution is going to satisfy all such divergent opinions, but, equally obviously one must adopt some standard of values. And since in a democracy like our own, Parliament is the ultimate source of authority, it is probably best to see what guidance can be got from that quarter.

Now, Parliament has recently passed the National Parks Act, and moreover, passed it with very general approval of all sections of opinion of all parties. And this Bill follows very closely the recommendations of the 1947 Report of the National Parks Committee, better known as the Hobhouse Report. And this report defines a National Park as:—

"An extensive area of beautiful and relatively wild country in which . . . the characteristic landscape beauty is strictly preserved."

Now it happens that, of the six major and two minor schemes in the hydro-electric proposals, four major and both minor schemes are almost wholly within the boundaries of the new National Park, one major scheme (Ffestiniog) is partly in the Park area and the remaining scheme (Plinlimmon), though outside the Park, is in a district recommended as a "conservation" area.

The crux of the matter is, therefore, whether or not the proposed works can be made to fit in with the definition of a National Park quoted above.

In fairness to the engineer it must be owned that he is to-day devoting much more attention to the appearance of his works than was the case in the past, though whether this arises from a change in his own outlook or from pressure of public opinion is a matter for some debate. There are, however, pretty definite limits, mainly economic, to what can be done in this way. Beautification, whether of engineering works or of the human face, is apt to be expensive. The commonest type of proposal for improving the schemes entails the burying underground of more or less of the various items of the installations. But the cost of digging large holes is considerable even in normal lowland soils, and in the rock and bogs of the Welsh hillsides is really formidable.

The alternative to underground installations is to make the surface works as unobtrusive and pleasing as possible. But, whilst no one doubts that the Electricity Authority would make sincere efforts in this direction, there are technical factors which inevitably limit the results obtainable by any architect, however gifted. It must also be remembered that the ideal of "natural landscape beauty" cannot properly be reconciled with building development, however fine in itself. Try and imagine the effect on the landscape, as a whole, were it possible to transplant and re-erect one's favourite cathedral on the shores of Glaslyn, Llydaw or Idwal.

An argument in favour of the schemes which is sometimes advanced is that, whilst admitting the incompatibility of natural scenery with industrial development, the extent of the latter ingredient will be no more than perhaps one per cent. of the whole landscape, and therefore not serious.

This line of reasoning ignores the ingredient of harmony which is essential to any object of beauty whether natural or man-made. If this sounds rather highbrow, try the experiment of visiting the National Gallery armed with a supply of any bright coloured paint which is then to be daubed at random over one per cent. of the area of any Old Master, explaining later to the incensed curator that since ninety-nine per cent. of the picture is untouched, practically no damage has been done!

Perhaps the most serious feature of these schemes would be that of precedent. If allowed to pass, any future proposals to further industrialise the area would need only to be accompanied by the stereotyped undertaking to respect the local amenities, coupled with an assurance that the design of the works would be made in consultation with an architect or town planner of repute. Given such assurances, it would be logically difficult to refuse permission once the new hydro-electric schemes had been sanctioned.

These schemes are the first serious challenge to the new National Parks Commission, and it is difficult to avoid the conclusion that, if the ideals of the National Parks are to be translated into facts, there must be an absolute ban on all major peace-time industrial development within the boundaries of the Parks. And, if such

a ban does mean that any material benefits expected from a proposed scheme must be obtained elsewhere by other means and possibly at greater cost, then such cost must be accepted as part of the price to be paid for the realisation of a great ideal.

It is cheering to note that the current Report of the National Parks Commission does emphatically oppose the idea of major hydro-electric schemes within the North Wales Park. Unfortunately the Commission as at present constituted has not the absolute authority to enforce its principles. It still needs the active interest and support of all sections of the public who visit and enjoy the National Parks. And among such—and surely well to the fore—should be the climber in all his many-sided activities.

# CLUB NOTES.

We seem to live from year to year except during the International Crisis Season (i.e. June 1st to September 30th) when we live from month to month. At the beginning of the year it seemed open to doubt whether any of us would get out to the Alps, but the international kettle just went on simmering and all was well. We can only live in hope that the kettle will not boil over.

The economic situation was somewhat eased by the temporary doubling of the currency allowance, but this did not really help visitors to Switzerland. What would have helped them was the 30 per cent reduction in Guides' Tariffs with effect from the 15th July IF ONLY THIS HAD BEEN ANNOUNCED THREE MONTHS EARLIER; but by the time the news was given out people had already made their plans, and it was far too late to alter them. It is understood, however, that this reduction will probably again be in force this year, and it is hoped that this will enable more of our members to go to Switzerland. The exact details will be announced later.

There has been a lot of correspondence about the proposed Matterhorn Railway and many petitions have been signed. We are glad to hear, however, that the Swiss Federal Council has intimated to the Italian Authorities that it would not sanction the erection of any buildings whatsoever on the summit of the Matterhorn and this decision appears to have had the effect of temporarily stopping any further action on the part of the Italian promotion syndicate.

As far as the Association is concerned our membership again shows a decrease, like that of most other clubs, which is perhaps scarcely surprising. But so long as the fall is not too rapid and our losses are confined to our "paper" members no very great harm will be done. Again owing to the Swiss rate of exchange we had to

content ourselves with a Meet in Austria and for the second year in succession the Annual Swiss Dinner had to be abandoned which was a very great pity.

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 23rd, at which Dr. C. F. Fothergill showed a beautiful colour film of Swiss Peasant Life, Scenery and Flowers. The Annual Dinner, of which details are given on another page, was most successful and was attended by a record number of official guests.

We have lost through death seven members during the past year: Rev. Canon H. G. Veazey, M.B.E., Lieut-Colonel J. P. Mead, C.B.E., and Messrs. W. Garden, C. H. B. Hartnell, L. H. Pollitt, A. J. B. Runge and C. V. Wilkins. They will be sadly missed by all who knew them. An obituary notice of Canon Veazey will

be found on another page.

Evening Meetings were held at the Alpine Club in January, February, April (2), June, September and October, and the following papers were read, all except one being illustrated by lantern slides:—

January 24th—"The Austrian Meet, 1950" (The Hon. Secretaries).

February 28th—"Mountaineering Experiences in Great Britain and the Alps" (Mr. D. Scammell).

April 4th—" Picos de Europa" (Mr. T. J. Fowle).

April 25th—"Reminiscences of a Veteran" (Mr. M. N. Clarke).

June 27th—" The Maderanertal" (Dr. J. W. Healy).

September 26—"A Traverse across the Valaisan Alps" (Mr. R. W. Wilmer).

October 17—"Ruenzori—The Mountains of the Moon" (Mr. N. How).

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 1952 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.

During 1951 the Library was used a fair amount and the Honorary Librarian was repeatedly consulted as to the books in Alpine literature best worth reading as well as regards climbing itineraries. He acknowledges with special gratitude the handsome bequest of numerous books and maps which our late member Lieut-Colonel J. P. Mead made us. We are also much indebted to Mr. P. W. Thomas for presenting to us: "Walking in the Alps", by J. H. Walker, and "The Dolomites" by C. D. Milner.

We also thank Mrs. Sedgwick, widow of our member, Mr. Walter Sedgwick, for presenting to us two very attractive books: "Peasant Art in Switzerland" by Daniel Baud-Bovy, and "Mountains and Lakes of Switzer-

land and Italy ".

We greatly appreciate, also, two small climbers' guidebooks for Ireland ("Sea Cliffs Around Dublin" and "Mountains of Connemara and Murrisk") kindly presented by Mr. J. P. O'F. Lynam, Hon. Sec. of the Irish Mountaineering Club.

The Hon. Librarian and his wife were in August invited to a special Dinner, given in a private room at the Hotel Monte Rosa at Zermatt, by a local society, the "Centre Alpin de Zermatt", the chairman being our Honorary Member Monsieur Egmond d'Arcis, President of the International Union of Alpine Associations. The chief guests were M. von Steiger, President of the Swiss Confederation, and Mme von Steiger. There were twenty-two at table, of whom seven were British and included Mr. Claude Elliott, President of the Alpine Club, and Mrs. Elliott, Colonel Younger (A.C.) Mr. T. A. H. Peacocke (A.C.) and Colonel Ross (A.C.). The waitresses were suitably attired in National costume.

We desire to express our gratitude to the Swiss National Tourist Office for their gift of booklets on "Mountaineering in Switzerland", illustrated by numerous sketches of the Alps and coloured photographs of Alpine Flowers, which we were able to distribute to all members.

We wish to acknowledge with gratitude a gift from Mrs. J. P. Mead of some clothing, boots, ice axes, books, etc., belonging to her late husband for disposal to members of the Association who might require them, the intention being that they should be given. To give, however, was felt too great a responsibility and therefore cash offers were invited from members. Ultimately a sum of

Lio was realised which was carried to a special account. The books and maps, of course, are being retained in the Library.

Members who belong to the legal profession may be interested to know that the 1952 Congress of the International Law Association will be held at Lucerne from August 31st to September 6th. In past years a special currency allowance has been available for those attending these congresses. The annual subscription is one pound.

Members will be sorry to learn that it is no longer possible to stay at Thorneythwaite Farm in Borrowdale, where we had three most enjoyable Easter Meets in 1936, 1940 and 1944; furthermore the present owner (Mr. Dixon) objects to people crossing his land.

It has been decided to bring the "Hotel Book" back into use. It is kept in the Library and Members are invited to use it for recording their comments, whether favourable or otherwise, on the hotels which they have come across in their travels. This information was found very useful before the War. Members who are unable to visit the Library are asked to send such comments to the Hon. Editor who will have them inserted in the Book.

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 28th. 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 28th. The President was in the Chair, and 100 Members and Guests were present.

The Guests of the Association were His Excellency the Swiss Minister (Monsieur Henri de Torrenté); Mr. Claude Elliott, O.B.E. (President of the Alpine Club); Mrs. Milsome (President of the Ladies' Alpine club); Lord Chorley (President of the British Mountaineering Council); Dr. C. F. Hadfield (F. & R.C.C., London Section); Mr. A. Rawlinson (Oxford University M.C.); Mr. C. Baud (Cambridge University M.C.); Dr. E. R. Cullinan (St. Bartholomew's M.C.); Miss Sheila Allison (London University M.C.); Mr. F. Winder (Irish Mountaineering Club); Mr. Charles Seinet (City Swiss Club); and Mr. A. Kunz (Swiss National Tourist Office).

Colonel E. R. Culverwell 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 rêsumé of the activities of the past year. Then Mr. B. L. Richards proposed the toast of "The Guests and Kindred Clubs," which was responded to by Lord Chorley. After that Mr. Starkey proposed the toast of "The President and President-Elect." In doing so he reminded members that Mr. Steel's extremely successful term of office was now drawing to a close and thanked him on their behalf for all that he had done for the Association; he also wished Colonel Culverwell a successful term of office. Mr. Steel and Colonel Culverwell replied, and that concluded the proceedings.

### SUMMER HOLIDAYS, 1952.

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 out 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 occuring 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 advantage of 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.

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### 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."

### 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 lst 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 coopted 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 retir annually, and shall not be eligible for re-election until after one year has elapsed. The Committee may co-opt not mere than three additional Members, one of whom must reture 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.

### 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.)

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De Torrenté, His Excellency Monsieur, the Swiss Minister.

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Renaud-Bovy-Lysberg, J. I. (Geneva).

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	C.B., M.V.O.
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1934-1936	A. N. Andrews
1937-1945	C. T. Lehmann.
1946-1948	Dr. N. S. Finzi.
1949-51	Gerald Steel, C.B.
1952-	Colonel E. R. Culverwell, M.C.
	Vice-Presidents
	(From
	(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. 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.

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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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1909-1911 J. A. B. Bruce and Gerald Steel.

1912-1919 E. B. Harris and A. N. Andrews.

1920-1922 A. N. Andrews and N. E. Odell.

1923-1928 A. N. Andrews and W. M. Roberts.

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

1931-1944 M. N. Clarke and F. W. Cavey. 1945-1948 M. N. Clarke and F. R. Crepin.

1949 F. R. Crepin and George Starkey.

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1909-1911 C. E. King-Church.

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1926- C. T. Lehmann.

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(created 1949)

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