

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

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1954

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DR. V. W. DIX, 'AC.'		(Diablerets)	1953
	(Interlaken)	1952	F. M. WELSFORD (Bernina) 1953
T. J. FOWLE (Diablerets)	1952	T. W. D. BAIRD, (Monte Rosa) 1954	
H. McARTHUR, 'AC.'		J. E. L. CLEMENTS (Interlaken) 1954	
	(Grindelwald)	1952	R. S. DADSON, 'AC.'
DR. J. W. HEALY, 'AC.' (Geneva)	1953		(Monte Rosa) 1954
D. G. LAMBLEY, 'AC.'		REV. F. L. JENKINS (Monte Rosa) 1954	
	(Monte Rosa)	1953	ERNEST BIRCHER, co-opted 1954

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*The Annual Report, Accounts and Balance Sheet  
for 1953.*

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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 close on 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 650 and an analysis of the list of members shows their distribution among the various sections to be as follows :—

Altels - - - -	14	Interlaken - - -	25
Diablerets - - -	113	Monte Rosa - - -	202
Geneva - - -	83	Oberhasli - - -	12
Grindelwald - - -	64	Other Sections - - -	38

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

#### NEW MEMBERS.

91 new members have joined during the past year, but 9 have died and 75 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, 1953	- - - - -	734
Less Resignations, Deaths, etc., during 1953	-	84
Total, January 1st, 1954	- - - - -	<u>650</u>

Of these, 85 are Life Members, 6 Honorary Members, 457 Ordinary Members, and 102 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.

For the next three years our membership, like that of most other Clubs, showed a slow but steady decline. The beginning of 1954, however, sees us once again on the up grade. Let us hope that this will continue.

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## THE ADVANTAGES OF BELONGING TO THE SWISS ALPINE CLUB.

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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 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," February, 1953. The complete list is usually published in February or March.

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 or Territet-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) ; Braunwald ; Grindelwald-First ; Lauterbrunnen-Murren-Allmendhubel (Seilbahn) ; Muttas-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. The ordinary Ski Lift does not grant any reduction.

**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.

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## HOW TO JOIN THE SWISS ALPINE CLUB.

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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.

Colonel E. R. Culverwell, having intimated his wish not to seek re-election, has been succeeded as President by Mr. F. R. Crepin. Mr. Robert Greg was elected a Vice-President in place of Lieut.-Colonel A. E. Tydeman whose term of office had expired. Mr. R. C. J. Parker was elected Hon. Secretary in place of Mr. F. R. Crepin. All the other officers were re-elected.

The following members of the Committee retired, having completed their terms of office : Messrs. W. J. Foster, W. Kirstein, H. St. V. Longley Cook and D. Scammell. The resulting vacancies were filled by the election of Messrs. T. W. D. Baird (Monte Rosa), J. E. L. Clements (Interlaken), R. S. Dadson (Monte Rosa) and Rev. F. L. Jenkins (Monte Rosa). Mr. F. M. Welsford (Bernina) was elected in place of Mr. R. C. J. Parker, the new Hon. Secretary. Mr. Ernest Bircher, First Secretary of the Swiss Legation, was co-opted in place of Mr. Victor Umbricht who had resigned on his departure from England. The remaining members of the Committee were re-elected.

## FINANCE.

The Accounts for the year ending September 30th, 1953, only cover the period of nine months, and consequently can hardly be compared with the Accounts for the twelve months ending December 31st, 1952, as printed in the Annual Report for 1953. There are many items of expenditure which fall within what is normally the fourth quarter of the year.

However, the majority of subscriptions are paid during the first nine months of the year, and therefore one can compare the subscriptions received for the two years, which for the S.A.C. have been £1,634 8s. 10d., as compared with £1,570 12s. 8d. for 1952, and for the Association itself £348 16s. 1d. as compared with £356 9s. 7d., which shows that more members are joining the Swiss Alpine Club than our own Association.

The accumulated revenue for the year as shown in the nine months' Balance Sheet is £115, but after making

allowances for what will have to be spent in the last quarter, the excess of Revenue over Expenditure will only be in the neighbourhood of £4 as it was last year.

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

The distribution of grants to beneficiaries under this Trust in 1953 has been on practically the same lines as in 1952. 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. Starkey's telephone number is Whitehall 1135, and Mr. Parker's telephone number is Potters Bar 3792 (Private). Their addresses will be found inside the cover. All communications MUST be addressed to officers by name.

### 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.

Resignations must be sent in before the end of the current year as unless received by the Central Committee of the Swiss Alpine Club by December 31st, the subscription for the ensuing year will be deemed to be due and will be claimed by the Swiss Alpine Club.

## THE LIBRARY.

Thanks to the courtesy of Messrs. R. Lehmann & Co. the Library remains at 28, Monument Street in the City two minutes' walk from Monument Station on the Underground and five minutes from the Bank. Members can see the books between 10.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. on Mondays to Fridays on presentation of the S.A.C. membership card. Any member who wishes to borrow a book is required to enter his name in the register provided for that purpose, and to return the book within a month.

The postal service is available to members unable to call personally at the Library, but an immediate response to requests for books may not always be possible.

## ARRANGEMENTS FOR 1954.

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 24th.      Wednesday, June 23rd.

Wednesday, March 17th.      Wednesday, September 22nd.

Wednesday, April 28th.      Wednesday, October 20th.

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 Cobden's Hotel,  
Capel Curig, from April 14th to April 21st.

A Ladies' Night Dinner will be held at the Connaught  
Rooms on Wednesday, May 26th, and further details will  
be issued later.

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

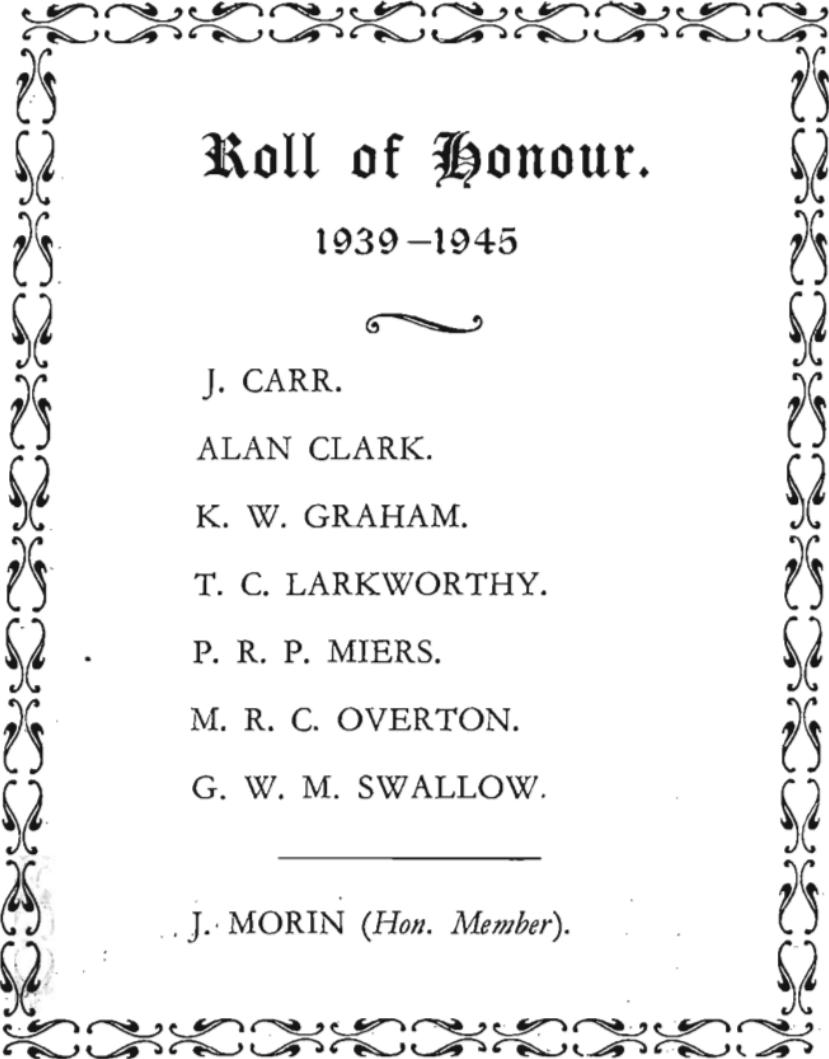
The Annual Dinner has been fixed for Wednesday,  
November 24th, at the Connaught Rooms.

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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.

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J. MORIN (*Hon. Member*).

## Obituary

MAJOR W. M. ROBERTS, O.B.E., M.A.  
 (1876-1953)

The Association has lost one of its strongest supporters, and all of us who knew him have lost a trusted and valued friend. His names were Walter Meakin, but he was affectionately known as "Bill" or "Martin". His ordinary speech did not betray his North Country origin, but he had a fund of Lancashire stories which he recounted with knowledge of the dialect.

He was one of the original members of the Association. He was Honorary Secretary for eight years. After completing his full three-year term as President he became Vice-President for four years. For the last five years of his life he was Honorary Vice-President. These twenty years of office were consecutive, and his interest never faltered. He seldom missed a Committee meeting, and latterly this entailed missing his dinner in order to get a reasonable train to his country home. I once remarked how good of him it was to put himself about so much for the Association, and he replied immediately, "Oh, but I love it so." He never fussed, and he had the happy knack of putting his finger on the point in an entirely acceptable way. During his last illness, when he was too weak even to speak, his eyes would light up at mention of the Association, and I knew that I must get my facts correct because he would spot any errors.

At Oxford he was a scholar of Corpus Christi College. He got a First in Moderations and a First in the final Honours School of Mathematics. He won both the Junior and the Senior Mathematical scholarships of the University; the biggest distinction that a Maths. man can get at Oxford. After a few years at St. David's College, Lampeter, he joined the staff of the R.M.A. at Woolwich, as an Instructor in Mathematics, in 1904. Except for his war service he remained on the staff until "The Shop" closed down in 1939.

In 1914 his repeated requests to join the forces were refused. Later, when it was too late to grant this great teacher of officers a direct commission, he was allowed to go. So he enlisted. As a young soldier, aged forty, he played his full part in all the incidents of a recruit's training; he was not the sort of man to encourage favouritism. His arrival at a Cadet School was full of the nicest sort of fun. His O.C. was one of his own ex-cadets. During the latter's absence for a week it was "Corporal Roberts", and not one of the School staff, who was detailed in orders to continue his major's lectures. As a 2nd Lieutenant he was soon in the thick of some very active service, and he might well have risen to high rank but he was hauled back from France to teach at a Cadet School.

After the first war he returned to his old job at Woolwich. In 1922 he was made Professor of Mathematics at the R.M.A. The O.B.E. which he was awarded in 1930 for his services there was fully merited. The closing of "The Shop" during the recent war was a great disappointment to him, but he continued his valuable teaching at two O.C.T. Units. On being retired from the active list on his sixty-fifth birthday he immediately joined the Home Guard. He was made an Honorary Member of The Institute of Royal Engineers and also of the Royal Artillery Alpine Club.

As a mountaineer he learnt much from guides in the early years, but he soon took to guideless climbing, and it was during this later period that I met him. In keeping with his character he mastered not only the skills and techniques of climbing, but he seemed to understand the moods of mountains and to be at one with them. He delighted in finding likely beginners and in teaching them to climb. He introduced them to the hills, and to their rope drill, in Wales and Lakeland, and his Alpine parties often included beginners in various stages of their training, amongst whom I was lucky to be included. He encouraged us to play any part in the team; middle man or last man down as well as first man up or down. From him we got some insight into the interest and responsi-

bility of organising and controlling a climb or expedition from any position on the rope. He always calculated his risks carefully, and if bad weather overtook him—as it may overtake the best of guides—his resource and bearing gave this humble member of his rope tremendous confidence in his leadership, and he always got us home surely and safely. If conditions remained good we would rest and revel on the mountain side, as well as on the summit, before returning later in the day. He was no exhibitionist or peak-bagger. One fine day at Zermatt a gushing party proclaimed that they had reached the top of the Matterhorn before dawn that morning and, after a short breather on the summit, had got back to the hotel soon after 9 a.m. Roberts asked simply, “Why?” He loved his mountains, and he helped us to understand them too.

I have been privileged to know him for forty-one years and under different conditions; as a cadet under his instruction, as a teacher with him at Woolwich and during all our climbing and other holidays together. He was no poseur; he was the same friendly and thorough character in any company. He once said to a friend that he thought his favourite human quality was kindness, and it was certainly one of his characteristics. He had an excellent brain, but he was chiefly remarkable for his abundance of sound common sense. He was rather shy and he would never push himself forward, but his knowledge of affairs was extensive, and he would always give good advice when asked. Amongst his many interests his interest in people remained the greatest. He was a delightful companion in every way. No man could have had a better guide and friend on the mountains, or anywhere else.

In 1926 he married Kathleen King. They met appropriately in Switzerland, and they remained devoted to each other. During his crippling illness, which lasted for nearly three years, she was always there to help and cheer him. She has the deepest sympathy of all the many friends who loved them both.

E. R. C.

## REGINALD GRAHAM

(1866-1953)

Reginald Graham, who died on October 8th, 1953, at the age of eighty-seven after many years of suffering bravely borne, was one of the original members of the Association.

He was educated at King's College School, and after leaving school he joined the Staff of the Westminster Bank in St. James's Square where he worked in the Securities Department until 1928 when he resigned, owing to ill-health.

He was a very keen mountaineer. He climbed in the Alps regularly from 1901 to 1914, and again from 1919 to 1930, when he became crippled with rheumatoid arthritis. He did most of his climbing in the main centres, but after the First World War he visited the Tatra and the Drakensberg.

He joined the Alpine Club in 1915 and served on the Committee from 1926 to 1929. His proposer was the late F. W. Hill who was the sole survivor of the Glynn Jones disaster on the Dent Blanche.

He was Honorary Auditor of the Association from 1915 to 1922, and was a very active member up to the time that his health broke down, when he was made an Honorary Member. For the last twenty years of his life he was a hopeless cripple and was confined to an invalid chair. It was a cruel fate for one who had always led such an active life, but his fortitude and endurance even up to the end were truly remarkable. He was a very fine character, and he will be sadly missed by all who knew him. We desire to tender to his sister, who survives him, our deepest sympathy in her great loss.

M. N. C.

## H. G. MORRISH

(1867-1953)

By the death on October 18th, 1953, of Mr. H. G. Morrish the Association has lost another of its original members.

He was born on August 1st, 1867, and practised as a solicitor, being the senior partner of Messrs. Morrish, Strode & Foulgar-Robinson at the time of his death. He was a first cousin of the late Mr. R. S. Morrish, who died in November, 1948. He climbed regularly with him and J. C. Gait (another of our old members who died during the last War) up to 1909, when he got married.

Although he then gave up serious climbing he visited Switzerland regularly every year (except during the two Wars) up to 1950. Sixty years elapsed between his first climb and his last. In the course of his climbing career he visited most of the principal centres in Switzerland, Austria and the Tyrol, and between the two World Wars he always used to take his family with him. In the years following the last War he was generally to be found at Grindelwald.

In 1949 he received his Gold Veteran's Badge denoting fifty years' membership of the Swiss Alpine Club, and he was always immensely proud of it. As far as we know the only other member of the Association to have this Badge is the Honorary Treasurer.

He will be sadly missed by all who knew him. To his wife, son and daughter, who survive him, we desire to tender our deepest sympathy in their great loss.

M. N. C.

## THE ACCIDENT ON THE EIGER

Many members will have read with great regret about the accident on the Eiger, on July 18th, 1953, in which two of our new members—Mr. Alan Barnes and Mr. Roy Evans—lost their lives. The following account of it has been sent to us by Mr. P. Margen, who was the sole survivor of the ill-fated party :

" Alan Barnes, Roy Evans and I left the Eiger Station at 3.30 a.m. for an ascent of the Eiger by the normal route. That route is normally safe from ice and snow avalanches from the Eiger glacier, as these follow a well-marked funnel far to the south of the track, i.e. between the Eiger and the 'Kleine Eiger'. The weather was clear when we started, and we made quick progress, finding ourselves on the well-marked part of the track, just before it leads on to the main rock ridge of the Eiger, by about 4.20 a.m. That point is level with a cleft in the mountain between a rock pinnacle, which I believe is called the 'upper Rotstock', and the main north-west ridge of the Eiger. The track is perhaps 70 yards away from the cleft at that point.

" The avalanche was formed by a large part of the upper Eiger glacier breaking off, and it seemed to be too large to be contained by the normal avalanche funnel, and so it spread over the entire mountain side. We heard the noise and saw the cloud of snow above us, and at once started to run northwards towards the cleft. However, the avalanche went to within about twenty yards of the edge of the cleft, and only I managed to get beyond this point in time. The other two, who had been some yards behind me when we first spotted the avalanche, were just caught by the edge of the avalanche, and were swept down with it. I found Alan buried in the ice about 300 yards lower down, and a piece of Roy's rucksack 100 yards lower still. Roy himself could not be found on that day, though I understand that he was found about ten days later. According to the guides in the rescue party, no avalanche had ever reached that part of the mountain before."

This is clearly one of those accidents which can only be described as an "Act of God", and we desire to tender our deepest sympathy to Mr. Margen and also to the relatives of the two victims.

M. N. C.

## THE FORT WILLIAM AND SKYE MEETS.

EASTER, 1953

"Yes," said the Scottish member, three weeks before the Meet, "Yes, you will get good rock climbing on Ben Nevis this Easter. There is no snow on the summit, and only a little in some of the gullies."

As the train ran northwards from Glasgow we all peeped out of the windows. Gone were the green brown slopes of the foothills. Everything was snow covered.

On Rannoch moor a foot of new snow lay down to the railway, and all the ridges were smoking with wind-blown snow.

From Loch Treig down through Spean Bridge snow storms and bursts of sunshine chased each other across the snow-covered landscape. It was obvious that, although we should undoubtedly have a grand Meet, rock-climbing, as such, would not be on the programme.

The train arrived in Fort William, and in ninety minutes of breathless motion the newcomers were swept by the earlier arrivals first into the Grand Hotel to claim their rooms and then up Glen Nevis to Poldubh.

It was agreed that a stroll to the first shoulder of Stob Ban would be sufficient exercise for the first day, but the weather decreed otherwise. A bare thousand feet above the road a furious "tourmente" of wind and blown snow assailed the party. We soon tired of this, and with one accord retired to the fleshpots of Fort William.

Thursday dawned brilliantly with a strong wind, and the party set out to climb Ben Nevis by the pony track from Achintee. This may seem a little beneath the dignity of a climbing Meet, but the mountain was buried beneath a yard or more of powder snow which the strong wind carried along in a stinging blast. The labour was excessive and, in the event, only one member actually reached the summit the others retiring at various points.

By now the party was finding its feet, and on Good Friday in fine but unsettled weather the three car owners

risked the springs of their cars by driving the party to within two or three hundred yards of the gorge at the head of Glen Nevis. We made our way through the gorge, noting that the fine suspension bridge which formerly existed at the narrowest part, had been swept away, past the Steall waterfall to the side glen called Coire Guibhsachan.

Up this the party struggled, with the snow often up to the knees, to the pass between Carn Mor Dearg and Aonach Mor. Here we paused for a second lunch and to admire the spectacle of the snow-covered Mamores across Glen Nevis occasionally obscured by successive storms speeding over them.

Our objective was Carn Mor Dearg. From the pass a steep rise over icy rocks plastered with snow led us to the crest of the narrow east ridge which was corniced for most of its length. The ridge was much easier than it looked, and soon we were on the summit admiring the snow-bedevilled north face of Ben Nevis across the Mhullinn glen. The descent was a "free for all" plunge by various routes down the snow slopes, and so back to the cars and hot baths in Fort William.

A visit to the Mamore group was clearly indicated, and Easter Saturday saw the party once more in Glen Nevis at the foot of Stob Ban.

This lovely mountain was climbed by its north ridge. It was a splendid day, although we were rather battered during the ascent by clouds of wind-driven snow which made the crossing of the heads of the numerous gullies something of an ordeal. In the descent the narrow part of the ridge was avoided in favour of snow slopes which afforded a reasonable glissade.

The legs of the Meet were finding the deep soft snow rather hard work, and a rest day seemed indicated. Accordingly Easter Sunday was declared an off day. One party motored to Mallaig and enjoyed magnificent views.

Easter Monday turned out to be the high light of the Fort William Meet. The cars took us down to Corran Ferry; over to Ardgour where they set us down at the entrance to Coire an Iubhair,

We had been told that Garbh Bheinn in Ardgour was a very fine mountain, although less than 3,000 feet high, and we were going to see for ourselves.

For some two miles we walked up the secluded glen, and then found ourselves under the magnificent east face of the mountain.

It was, of course, plastered with snow and ice, and we passed on to the pass at the head of the glen. From there the party struck straight up the face of the mountain over steep snow and some rock to the ridge which was followed to the summit. And what a summit!

The Cairn is on the brink of the steepest part of the east face, and all Scotland seemed to be spread out before us for our delectation.

At our feet was Loch Linnhe; straight before us Loch Leven led the eye straight to the heart of the Glencoe mountains, whilst left and right rose ridge upon ridge of snow-covered mountains dominated by Ben Nevis. And all this in brilliant sunshine.

The descent by the whole length of the ridge of Sron a Garbh Choire Bhig although interesting in itself was almost an anti-climax.

So ended the Fort William portion of the Meet.

Easter Tuesday saw the parting of the ways; some members returned home, but the more fortunate set out for Glen Brittle in Skye.

The journey was miserable. The weather broke for the day, and instead of enjoying the sail from Mallaig to Portree the party cowered in various parts of the steamer trying not to freeze. The weather got worse and worse in storms of driving rain and sleet so that the party arrived at Glen Brittle very cold and depressed with the clouds down to 800 feet and the snow even lower.

The welcome accorded to the party by Mrs. Macrae and the dinner which accompanied it did much to raise our spirits, and before the evening was over the party had settled down to discussing plans for the future.

As is so often the case in Skye the weather changed completely during the night, and we awakened to sunshine and snow-covered mountains.

Our first problem was to discover the conditions on the mountains. To do this the whole party went up into Coire Lagan. From there some members climbed Sgurr Dearg and subsequently the Inaccessible Pinnacle, whilst the remainder went to Bealach Coire Lagan to climb Sgurr MhicCoinnich.

We were soon kicking steps up steepish snow, and when we arrived on the ridge the whole wonder of the mountain was laid out before us. From our feet to the summit the whole length of the ridge, so lacking in difficulty in summer, lay encased in gleaming snow and ice. The rope was a necessity so we divided into two parties, and set off. There was a cold wind tempering the warmth of the sun, and for an hour and a quarter we were kept enjoyably employed in dealing with that magnificent ridge.

Back on the pass the elderly gentlemen of the party found a sheltered corner in which to sun themselves and watch the activities of the other party who were descending, not without difficulty, the ridge of An Stac leading to the pass. In the meantime the younger men dashed off to climb the Inaccessible.

We had now got the feel of the mountains and, in the hope that a south-facing precipice might give a rock climb unencumbered by snow and ice, the party went into Coire A'Ghrunnda. In the event the crag was found to be quite dry, and two ropes climbed the Central buttress route whilst the remainder went to Sgurr Dubh Na-da-bheinn with a view to crossing the Thearlaich-Dubh gap on the way back. This latter they were prevented from doing by the amount of ice which was present. Instead, a traverse was made to the Sgumain-Alasdair ridge, and a return made via the summit of the former mountain.

For the next two days the weather was bad. On the first three stalwarts climbed Sgurr an Fheadain, and on the second the Window Buttress on Sgurr Dearg was climbed in a sort of smash and grab raid. The conditions were bad even for Skye.

So far a climb on Sron na Ciche, that Mecca of all climbers in Skye, had been out of the question. Time was

getting short, and on Saturday five members—with a visitor—set out in doubtful weather to try the chimney route on the Eastern Buttress. In summer this is a normal standard climb of no very great difficulty, but on this occasion the route had its full share of snow and ice. The fact that violent hailstorms arrived at about half-hourly intervals did not improve matters.

However, the climb was duly accomplished although the exit from the crag via the upper reaches of the Eastern Gully was not without its problems. The descent into the top of the Sgumain stone shoot was amusing.

At one point a wide sheet of ice had formed across the slabs we were descending. This was a serious embarrassment as our only axe was at the foot of the climb. It was found, however, that the rock wall on the right was deeply undercut, and that by lying on the ice on the back with the hands and feet braced against the roof it was possible to slide down the ice in perfect control.

The weather continued to be violent, and on the last day it was only feasible to force a route up Sgurr Alasdair by way of the snow-filled Stone Shoot.

Of course the weather was brilliant next day as the homeward journey was started, but we left Skye entranced with the early morning sight of the rising sun lighting the snow-covered pinnacles of Sgurr Nan Gillean as we crossed the moors above Sligachan.

Those attending the Fort William Meet were: Mr. and Mrs. Crepin, Mr. and Mrs. Starkey, Dr. A. W. Barton and Messrs. W. A. Batchelor, H. Booth, M. N. Clarke, J. E. L. Clements, R. S. Dadson, W. J. Foster, A. A. Galloway, R. L. Greg, W. Kirstein and B. L. Richards.

Those present in Skye were: Mr. and Mrs. Lambley, Mr. and Mrs. Starkey, Dr. MacGillivray and Messrs. M. Benner, H. Booth, J. H. Court, R. S. Dadson, W. J. Foster, R. L. Greg, H. McArthur, I. B. Mason and B. L. Richards.

It is pleasant to put on record the thanks of the party to Messrs. Crepin, Booth and Dadson, who brought their cars to the Meet and kindly placed them at the disposal of members.

G. S.

## HOLIDAY PLANNING.

When one is planning a holiday probably the two most important matters are weather and accommodation.

On the subject of the weather, Mr. Ralf Bonwit writes :

" My experience this year showed the need for some co-ordinated information about snow conditions in late spring. Because of the fine weather between December and Easter, there had been no new snow on the glaciers ; the new snow which fell later did not last long, and conditions—which had been tolerable during the latter half of April—deteriorated with each week of brilliant sunshine. Nobody seemed to know how this had affected the various districts. In the Silvretta they said that the Bernina was ' good ' ; in the Bernina they thought that the Valais was equally ' bad ' ; only a direct telephone call to Bruck (Glockner) elicited the information that the road would *not* be cleared by Whitsun as promised.

" It should be possible by collating Swiss and Austrian weather reports during December–March, and by consulting the Jungfraujoch research centre to obtain a picture in London of what to expect—apart, of course, of latest changes in the weather which may mar a tour, but cannot change the general conditions. Such information might be circulated during the last week of March by the Association of British members of the S.A.C., or in the Anglo-Swiss Society's bulletin ; alternatively a few dozen copies might be held in readiness for dispatch to members who ask for it. An alternative method would be to write for information to friends in Switzerland ; unfortunately official sources of information are not always reliable.

" This is only a suggestion ; there may be a simpler method of securing such information. But it would save much time and train fares if one could know with reasonable certainty (one cannot hope for more) what to expect in a given district during a given period of

the year. It would also help those planning their summer holidays by showing them the general state of rock and ice."

On the subject of accommodation, Mr. C. J. Penn writes :

" From my own experience the trouble with planning a Swiss holiday in London or England is that the only definite information about accommodation is issued through the Swiss National Tourist Office and other similar agencies, and they only list the bigger, more well-known hotels and pensions in established resorts. What I didn't know—and I feel many other young fellows may not know either—is that in between this range of expensive and often disadvantageously placed hotels, and the other extreme of hauling one's own victuals up to S.A.C. huts and using them as bases, there is another sort of establishment, which often combines all the assets of both the foregoing, and few of their snags. That is the berghaus, mountain inn, or whatever you like to call it, situated on the higher Alps, and run by the farmers who are there primarily to tend their cattle. These places, of which there are hundreds and all over the Alps, are not listed in the Swiss Hoteliers' guides (they are not members), and nothing is known of them in English agencies, travel bureaux, etc.

" Only the year before last I came out on holiday and stayed in the Kien Tal in what, as far as I knew, was the highest hotel in the valley. It was nice, but very expensive, and only afterwards did I discover that there were at least three big chalets above it offering accommodation at a fraction of the price, and in much better positions from a climber's point of view.

" For an example of such a place, I would like to cite the Berghaus Bundalp, in the Kien Tal. It is at 1800 m., in a very nice spot, on the main path only two hours from the Blumlisalp S.A.C. hut. It is also within two and a half hours' walk of the Gspaltenhorn

hut and six hours of Mutthorn hut. There are numerous scrambles which can be done direct from the chalet too. You don't have to carry up your own food, and you have the choice of sleeping dormitory fashion on straw, or having single or double rooms. The food is excellent, and they can provide all the usual eatables for your rucksack including Maggis, chocolate and condensed milk, etc. They charge frs. 7.50 for full pension if you sleep on the straw, or frs. 9.0 for a room. This of course includes your food, but you can pay for that separately if you intend being out most of the time. Such a place, if only one could find them beforehand, is ideal since it is cheap, reasonably comfortable, provides food and provisions, and is very close to the mountains proper."

We are much indebted to Mr. Bonwit and Mr. Penn for this very useful and interesting information.

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CLUB NOTES.

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All British climbers must have been thrilled with tremendous pride when they read in the papers on the morning of Coronation Day that the British Expedition had reached the summit of Mount Everest. After thirty years of endeavour the victory has been won, and we must not forget the members of all the earlier expeditions, and among them Mallory and Irvine who gave their lives; neither should we forget Eric Shipton who discovered the new route, and without whose pioneering success might not have been achieved. The timing of the great news could not have been better—it was magnificent. We are proud to offer our heartfelt congratulations to our member, Sir John Hunt, and his gallant team on their splendid achievement.

It was a matter of great regret to everyone that Colonel Culverwell could not see his way to accept nomination as President for a third year. Although he has made an amazing recovery from his grave illness, he did not feel that he was fit enough to devote sufficient time to the affairs of the Association, especially during the winter months. However, we hope that we shall have his cheery presence at our meetings for many years to come. We have, however, found a worthy successor in Mr. F. R. Crepin, who has been Joint Honorary Secretary for the last nine years.

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The economic situation in 1953 was somewhat eased by the increase of the currency allowance from £25 to £40, and the position has now been further improved by the latest increase to £50. Although this is not very much, it is at least a step in the right direction.

The weather was extremely bad in June and July, but, in most parts of the Alps at least, August was a fine month. There was no Alpine Meet in 1953 as Mr. Starkey, who has led every Meet since they started in 1947, was granted "a Sabbatical term of absence" and no other leader with sufficient experience could be found to take his place. We are very glad to say, however, that Mr. Starkey has kindly agreed to lead an Alpine Meet again in 1954, and according to present arrangements, this will be held at Saas-Fée. Our last Swiss Meet was at Maloja in 1949.

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

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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. The Annual Dinner, of which details are given on another page, was most successful and was attended by a large number of official guests.

We have lost through death nine members during the past year: Colonel Ransom Pickard, Dr. W. Vincent and Messrs. J. G. Anderson, R. Graham, H. G. Morrish, W. M. Roberts and R. Schranz; also Messrs. A. Barnes and R. Evans, who were killed on the Eiger. They will be sadly missed by all who knew them.

Obituary notices of Messrs. R. Graham, H. G. Morrish and W. M. Roberts will be found on another page.

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Evening Meetings were held at the Alpine Club in January, February, March, April, May, June, September

and October, and the following papers were read. Five of them were illustrated by ordinary lantern slides, two by coloured slides and one by films :—

January 28th—"The Alpine Meet, 1952" (Messrs. Geo. Starkey and D. G. Lambley).

February 25th—"Climbs in the Carnic and Julian Alps" (Rev. F. L. Jenkins, C.F.).

March 25th—"Rock Climbing in the Valais" (Mr. Philip Andrews).

April 22nd—"Climbing in the Alps in 1952" (Hon. R. R. E. Chorley).

May 27th—"In re Weather" (Mr. R. A. Tyssen-Gee).

June 24th—"Alpine Walking Circuits" (Mr. W. A. Bourne).

September 23rd—"A Climbing Diary" (Mr. Frank Solari).

October 21st—"Some Wanderings in the Bernese Oberland" (Messrs. R. C. J. Parker and B. L. Richards).

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 1954 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.

Compared with the previous year the number of books borrowed from the Library increased five-fold during the first eleven months of 1953. This improvement was largely due to the new volumes added to our shelves, and our efforts will be continued to keep the library

up-to-date. Many of the older books, however, remain deservedly popular with all interested in Alpine literature.

They merit special consideration in 1954 when we commemorate the centenary of the famous Wetterhorn ascent by A. Wills and his party, which inaugurated the "Golden Age" of mountaineering in the Alps.

New acquisitions include several books donated to the Library. From Mr. V. Umbricht we received, as a parting gift, a copy of "A Short History of Switzerland" by Bonjour, Offler & Potter. At the request of Mr. P. E. Thompson (Head of the Modern Languages Department, Lancing College), Messrs. George G. Harrap & Co. Ltd. sent us "Premier de Cordée" by R. Frison-Roche, a tale of adventure in the Chamonix valley and on the Aiguille du Dru. Mr. R. P. Mears was good enough to supply several recent issues of the *Alpine Journal* and of the *Journal of the Fell and Rock Climbing Club*, all of which are much appreciated.

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After the death in August, 1951, of Canon H. G. Veazey, a great many of his friends came together and subscribed over £580 as a mémorial to him. Part of the money was to be used in connection with St. Mark's Church, Camberwell, of which he had been Vicar for over fifty years, and part was given for the erection of a Cross at Adelboden, where he had taken twenty-five parties of people, largely from South London.

The Cross, which stands about 7 feet high, is situated in a commanding position on a small hill on the Engst-ligenalp, looking across the wide expanse of the Alp towards the snows of the Wildstrubel. It was made and carved by Otto Huggler of Brienz, the design being rather severe with a few Alpine flowers in relief. Below, on the stone plinth, from which the Cross springs, is a bronze plate with the words: "This Cross was placed here in happy memory of a beloved priest, father and friend, Canon H. G. Veazey, M.B.E., who by his great

love of this God-built land, taught over two thousand people to love the mountains, flowers and streams of Switzerland. Leader of parties from 1922 to 1950."

On Monday, July 6th, the Cross was dedicated at a short service by his son, the Rev. H. C. H. Veazey, who is still running similar parties to Adelboden, in the presence of members of this year's party and a number of villagers. After the service Herr Hess, manager of the Tourist Office in the village, spoke of the long friendship between the Veazey party and Adelboden, and Herr Sarbach, who had been responsible for the erection of the memorial, reminded everyone of the significance of the Cross and of the influence that the Cross had had on the Canon's life and work.

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We should like to congratulate the Hon. Treasurer on getting his Gold Veteran's Badge, which denotes fifty years' membership of the Swiss Alpine Club. Although quite a few of our members have now got their Veterans' Badges, we understand that the only other member to hold the Gold Badge was the late Mr. H. G. Morrish.

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Mr. Victor Umbricht, who has been a co-opted member of the Committee since 1947, has resigned on being posted to Washington. He attended our Committee Meetings whenever possible, and we can never be sufficiently grateful to him for all the advice and assistance which he gave us. We wish him and Mrs. Umbricht good luck and God speed.

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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.

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The Annual Dinner was held at the Connaught Rooms on Wednesday, November 25th. The President was in the Chair, and 101 Members and Guests were present.

The Guests of the Association were Monsieur Ernest Bircher (First Secretary of the Swiss Legation); Mr. H. E. L. Porter, M.C. (Vice-President of the Alpine Club); Lady Chorley (President of the Ladies' Alpine Club); Mr. J. N. Burrows (Vice-President of the London University Mountaineering Club); Mr. Tom Stephenson (Secretary of the Ramblers' Association); Mr. J. H. Emlyn Jones, M.B.E. (representing the British Mount Everest Expedition); Mr. R. J. Keller (Vice-President of the City Swiss Club); Lieut.-Colonel H. Stuart Townsend, O.B.E. (Director of the Anglo-Swiss Society); and Mr. A. Kunz (Swiss National Tourist Office).

Mr. F. R. Crepin proposed the toast of the "Swiss Confederation," and Monsieur Ernest Bircher made a very charming reply. The President then proposed the toast of "The Association." In the course of his speech he paid a generous tribute to the British Mount Everest Expedition, gave a résumé of the activities of the past year and thanked the executive officers for their services.

After that Mr. D. G. Lambley proposed the toast of "The Guests and Kindred Clubs," and this was responded to by Lady Chorley. Finally Mr. B. L. Richards proposed the health of the President and President-Elect, and this concluded the proceedings.

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#### SUMMER HOLIDAYS, 1954.

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.

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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 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.

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

15	"	"	"	"	"	8	"
20	"	"	"	"	"	10	"

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.

### RESCUE PARTIES.

The Union Internationale des Associations d'Alpinisme (U.I.A.A.), Headquarters in Geneva (President—Mr. Egmond d'Arcis, one of our Honorary members), to which the B.M.C. is affiliated, has just inaugurated a telephone service called CISALP (Centre Internationale de Secours Alpin) for France, Switzerland, Italy, Germany, Austria and Jugoslavia, which works as follows :

Suppose you have a relative or friend mountaineering somewhere in one of these six countries, and for some reason you suspect an accident. You telephone Geneva No. 11, and ask to be put in communication with CISALP, to whom you explain matters. CISALP then puts you in communication with the rescue centre of the region where your relative was known to be, and you can ask this centre to make the necessary arrangements for a relief party ; you yourself are responsible for the expenses of the rescue party.

### ACCIDENTS AND FIRST AID.

Stretchers and two rucksacks of medical supplies are kept at the following places. In the event of an accident, take up BOTH rucksacks, lights, food and plenty of rope. Read the instructions. Make sure that the iron leg-splint is included. In most cases the Supervisor will assist in organising the rescue party and will summon doctor and ambulance. Local men who help will be paid. Afterwards, report **on** accident and deficiencies to A. S. Pigott, Hill House, Cheadle Hulme, Stockport.

Members are earnestly recommended to make themselves acquainted with the use of the equipment and the resources of the district.

<i>Lake District.</i>	<i>Supervisor.</i>	<i>Telephone.</i>
1. Wastwater Hotel ..	Mr. Pharaoh ..	Wasdale Head 1
2. Wasdale Head Hall Farm	Mr. Martin ..	None
3. Scawfell Hotel, Ros-thwaite (Ask police; Tel. Keswick 4)	Capt. S. N. Badrock, for Borrowdale Mountain Rescue Team	Borrowdale 8
4. Youth Hostel, Giller-thwaite Farm, Ennerdale	Mr. R. S. Hughes ..	At Anglers' Inn, Lamplugh 202
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9. Sty Head Pass ..	Borrowdale Mountain Rescue Team	None
10. Goldrill Youth Hostel, Patterdale	The Warden	—

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Kit will be sent by car from :—

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<i>Scotland—cont.</i>	<i>Supervisor.</i>	<i>Telephone.</i>
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Rescue Kit owned by the Central Council for Physical Recreation is kept at Glenmore Lodge and at Jean's Hut (approximately 1 mile N.W. of Cairngorm).		
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**Association of British Members of the Swiss Alpine Club**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
as at 30th September, 1953.

I have examined the Books and Vouchers of the Association and report that the above Accounts are in accordance therewith.

S. E. ORCHARD, *Hon. Auditor.*

20th November, 1953.

# RECEIPTS AND

## for 9 Months ended

### RECEIPTS.

SECTION.		<i>Cr.</i>
		<i>£ s. d.</i>
Subscriptions Received .. .. .. .. .. .. ..	1,634 8 10	

### ASSOCIATION.

Subscriptions Received .. .. .. .. .. .. ..	348 16 11
Interest Received .. .. .. .. .. .. ..	<i>£ s. d.</i> 61 6 6
Less Tax Deducted at Source .. .. .. .. .. .. ..	<u>27 0 7</u>
Library Sales .. .. .. .. .. .. ..	34 5 11

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20th November, 1953.

S. E. ORCHARD, Hon. Auditor.

# EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

30th September, 1953

## EXPENDITURE.

<i>Dr.</i>							<i>£</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
<b>SECTION.</b>									
Remittances to Sections .. .. .. .. .. ..							1,595	7	3
Subscriptions returned to Members .. .. .. .. .. ..							3	19	3
Bank Charges .. .. .. .. .. ..							1	19	9
<b>ASSOCIATION.</b>									
Hire of Room for Meetings .. .. .. .. .. ..							30	6	0
Postage .. .. .. .. .. ..							24	9	7
Annual Report .. .. .. .. .. ..							113	6	0
Clerical Assistance .. .. .. .. .. ..							12	15	0
Insurance .. .. .. .. .. ..							9	9	0
Printing and Stationery .. .. .. .. .. ..							24	10	3
Library Expenses .. .. .. .. .. ..							52	8	0
Sundries .. .. .. .. .. ..							12	7	3
Donation—B.M.C. .. .. .. .. .. ..							9	10	0
Income Tax .. .. .. .. .. ..							14	14	6
Balance to Accumulated Revenue Account, being Surplus of Income over Expenditure .. .. .. .. .. ..							115	11	10
							<u>£2,020 13 8</u>		

THE  
ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH MEMBERS  
OF THE  
SWISS ALPINE CLUB

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**RULES**

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**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. Od. in the case of Town Members and £4 4s. Od. 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. Od., £4 4s. Od. or £8 8s. Od. 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. Od. or £8 8s. Od. 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 as soon as possible after the end of the financial year and presented by the Hon. Treasurer at the Annual 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 MEMBERS.**

- (a) 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.
  - (b) Ordinary Members of the Association who have resigned from the Swiss Alpine Club through temporary inability to visit Switzerland may continue to be Members of the Association as Retired Members, with the same privileges as Retired Life Members, on payment of the annual subscription.
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**TEMPORARY RULE**

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.

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*This Temporary Rule is at the moment in abeyance; but, in the event of the Treasury re-imposing the ban on the remittance of subscriptions to Switzerland, it will automatically come into force.*

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LIST OF MEMBERS  
of the  
Association of British Members  
of the  
Swiss Alpine Club  
(Corrected up to 12th January, 1954.)

*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.*

650 Members, of whom 85 are Life Members, 8 Honorary Members,  
102 on Retired List, and 457 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.*Mariétan, Abbé Dr. Ignace. (*Monte Rosa*).Merriman, S. de V., 'AC' (*Hon. Librarian, 1939–1952.*)*KINDRED CLUBS.*

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

Cambridge University Mountaineering Club, Cambridge.

Camping Club of Great Britain and Ireland (Mountaineering Section), Hon. Sec., G. M. Watkins, 9, Primrose Mansions, Prince of Wales Drive, S.W.11.

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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.,

Imperial College Union, Prince Consort Road, S.W.7.

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