

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

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# Association of British Members of the Swiss Alpine Club

1956

## Officers :

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	(Monte Rosa) 1954	A. A. GALLOWAY, 'AC.'	
REV. F. L. JENKINS, 'AC.'			(Monte Rosa) 1956
	(Monte Rosa) 1954	H. MCARTHUR, 'AC.'	
P. ANDREWS, 'AC.' (Oberhasli)	1955		(Grindelwald) 1956
W. L. COATS (Monte Rosa)	1955	F. SOLARI, 'AC.' (Monte Rosa)	1956
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*The Annual Report, Accounts and Balance Sheet  
for 1955.*

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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 "clubbists," and as it is

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

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

The number of members is now 656 and an analysis of the list of members shows their distribution among the various sections to be as follows :—

Altels - - - -	15	Interlaken - - -	23
Diablerets - - -	118	Monte Rosa - - -	213
Geneva - - - -	66	Oberhasli - - -	9
Grindelwald - -	58	Other Sections - -	33

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

### NEW MEMBERS.

81 new members have joined during the past year, but 6 have died and 73 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, 1955	-	-	-	-	735
Less Resignations, Deaths, etc., during 1955	-	-	-	-	79
Total, January 1st, 1956	-	-	-	-	<u>656</u>

Of these, 82 are Life Members, 7 Honorary Members, 458 Ordinary Members, and 109 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, saw us once more on the up grade, and during the past two years our numbers again show a slight increase.

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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, 1955. 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 ; Monthey-Champéry ; Ritom ; Visp-Zermatt.
- 40% 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) ; 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. 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, 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 the Hon. Treasurer, 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 the Hon. Treasurer 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

Dr. J. W. Healy was elected a Vice-President in place of Mr. J. R. Amphlett, whose term of office had expired. All the other officers were re-elected.

The following members of the Committee retired, having completed their term of office : Dr. J. W. Healy and Messrs. D. G. Lambley, R. A. Tyssen-Gee, and F. M. Welsford. The resulting vacancies were filled by the election of Dr. A. W. Barton (Diablerets) and Messrs. A. A. Galloway (Monte Rosa), H. McArthur (Grindelwald) and F. Solari (Monte Rosa). The remaining members of the Committee were re-elected, including Mr. J. G. Broadbent, who had been elected in February to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. T. W. D. Baird in accordance with the provisions of Rule 9.

## FINANCE

The accounts now presented show an increase in expenditure from £380 to £478. Income remains the same and in consequence a surplus of £39 shown in the previous accounts becomes a deficit of £56.

Of this increase £33 is in respect of Clerical assistance, the cost of which for the full year amounts to £50, Library expenses are increased by £40 to £114 and the cost of the Annual Report increased by £35.

The Committee are exploring the possibility of economising in the Library arrangements, and are also giving close attention to the whole position, namely a deficit which amounts to something less than two shillings per member.

The accounts also show the disposal during the year of the money received in respect of the 1942 S.A.C. subscriptions that the Association was not allowed to remit.

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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 1955 has been on practically the same lines as

in 1954. 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.

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#### 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, 28, Monument Street, E.C.3—Telephone: Mansion House 5587. 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. The key is obtainable on presentation of the S.A.C. Membership Card from R. Lehmann & Co. on the second floor; the room is on the third floor. 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.** If it is sent by post, please address to A.B.M.S.A.C., c/o Simond & Co., Ltd., 28, Monument Street, E.C.3.

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. Requests and inquiries should be sent to the Hon. Librarian's private address.

#### ARRANGEMENTS FOR 1956.

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 22nd.	Wednesday, June 27th.
Wednesday, March 21st.	Wednesday, September 26th.
Wednesday, April 25th.	Wednesday, October 17th.

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

**The Easter Meet will be held at the Ballachulish Hotel, Argyll, from March 28th to April 4th.**

A Ladies' Night Dinner will be held at the Connaught Rooms on Wednesday, May 30th, 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 28th, 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

DR. C. F. FOTHERGILL

(1878-1955)

Dr. C. F. Fothergill, who died on May 6th, 1955, at the age of 77, was educated at St. Lawrence College, Ramsgate, Emmanuel College, Cambridge, and Guy's Hospital. He joined the Association just after the First World War and served several times on the Committee; he was Vice-President from 1950 to 1953.

He was a deeply religious man and was perhaps best known for his work in connection with the Camps and Tours Union, which he founded. He had a great flair for organisation and took large parties of adults and public schoolboys out to Switzerland for winter sports. It was largely owing to his perseverance that Zermatt and Saas Fée, which for many years had been summer resorts only, were opened in the winter.

Dr. Fothergill travelled widely and loved to seek places off the beaten track. His travels took him to Petra, Morocco, Yugoslavia, Corsica, Spain, Palestine and Scandinavia. He always took the keenest interest in the life of the people of the countries which he visited. Not only was he a superb photographer, but he found unbounded pleasure in wild flowers and their photography. His magnificent coloured slides will always be a happy memory to members of the Association.

He was also a very keen member of the medical profession. He seldom travelled anywhere without his surgical instruments and was sometimes called upon to operate under the strangest conditions. He has given some of his experiences in that delightful and beautifully illustrated book, "A Doctor in Many Countries." He used his house at Chorley Wood as a Convalescent Home and many are the people who have benefited from the care and attention which they received there.

His passing will leave a gap which it will be hard to fill, and we desire to tender to his family our deepest sympathy in their great loss.

M. N. C.

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F. W. CAVEY

(1868-1955)

F. W. Cavey, who died on October 6th, 1955, at the age of 87, rendered great service to the Association. Joining in 1924, he served twice on the Committee and was Joint Honorary Secretary from 1932 to 1944. He was tremendously keen about the work and never missed a Committee meeting; nothing was ever too much trouble for him. In 1944 he was elected a Vice-President in recognition of his services, and at the end of 1947, when the status of our Vice-Presidents was altered, he was made an honorary Vice-President. Up to about two years ago, when his health began to fail, he was a very regular attendant at all our meetings.

Like quite a few of our members, he chose Banking as a career. On leaving school he entered the service of the Westminster Bank, and from 1916 to 1923 he was manager of their Acton branch. He then became manager of their Woolwich branch, where he remained until the end of 1932, when he retired after 44 years' service. He always had the reputation for being a shrewd and hard-headed man of business and a good judge of character, and he would often use his discretion in cases where other men might have been afraid to do so.

On his retirement he travelled extensively and went twice round the world, but Switzerland always remained his first love. His wife, who was a very popular figure at our meetings, died in February, 1939. He was a fine character and we shall all miss him greatly.

M. N. C.

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## LAHUL HIMALAYA

*by Hamish McArthur*

We never quite knew how it started, but somehow the idea grew of organising a small expedition to the Himalayas. Among expeditions, pre-natal mortality is high; many gleam in their fathers' eyes, but few run to the full term, and we were lucky that ours was safely brought to life.

The expedition was a purely private one, responsible only to ourselves, and we had therefore complete freedom to plan it as we liked within our limited resources. The party from the United Kingdom consisted of Frank and Babs Solari, my wife, and myself. We suggested to the Indian authorities that an Army officer might join us, and it was arranged almost at the last moment that we should be accompanied by Captain Kailash Goswami of the Bengal Engineers and by his wife Tara. There was some risk in having two inexperienced strangers with us, but it proved a sound move for they soon became old friends and the whole expedition would several times have foundered without their help. They added much to the enjoyment of our trip.

We could only have four or five weeks in the mountains. We could not afford, and did not want, vast caravans of porters. None of us had been in the Himalayas before, nor indeed been higher than Monte Rosa. We had not made difficult ascents in the Alps, and the four of us from the U.K. were all of that indefinite age known politely as the "prime of life". An attempt on one of the giants was therefore out of the question, but there is much to be done in the Himalayas besides climbing giants. There are still hundreds of mountains of 20,000 ft. that have never been attempted, and within a fortnight's journey of London there are areas several hundred square miles in extent where no one has yet set foot.

Our interest lay in exploration as much as in climbing. We wanted to see the Himalayas, to travel in unfrequented country and see something of the nomadic people of central Asia, to visit one of these unexplored areas, and

lastly to climb, if it were possible, some mountain of 20,000 ft. To achieve this in a limited time requires a careful choice of area and, to make matters more difficult, we could go only in July and August in the period of the monsoon. The monsoon ruled out the Eastern Himalaya, but in the Central and Western Himalaya there are many areas not much affected by the monsoon in a normal year. Eventually we decided on Lahul in the northern Punjab just south, and a little west, of where the Kashmir border meets the frontier of Tibet. This area is approached from the Kulu Valley. The Kulu Valley is very wet in the monsoon but at its head there is a range of mountains running roughly east and west which act as a barrier to rain clouds. This range, a part of the Pir Panjal, can be crossed by a 13,000 ft. pass called the Rhotang Pass, and on the far side in the district of Lahul is the valley of the Chandra River. The Chandra rises far to the north near a 16,000 ft. pass called the Bara Lacha La, flows south for a time and then turns abruptly west. There is a track up the true left bank, but much of the country on the right bank was unexplored until this summer and most of the mountains were unclimbed. Our intention was to cross the Rhotang Pass, go up the Chandra for five or six days marches, cross to the true right bank and go up one of the glaciated side valleys which run down to the river.

The party assembled in Manali, at 6,000 ft. at the end of the road up the Kulu Valley on July 12th, 1955. We had arranged for two Sherpas to be there to meet us and we engaged two local porters. We also engaged 20 horses, mules and donkeys, with three men and a boy to look after them. The 13th July was busily spent repacking stores, weighing loads and making last minute purchases in the Manali bazaar. On the morning of the 14th all was confusion as mules fought each other, loads were too big or too heavy, a holy man wanted to bless us, and various things and people could not be found. But all this was to be expected on the first morning and we had only a short march before us that day. By eleven o'clock the cavalcade had set off in reasonable order, and we were much impressed with it.

The first night we stayed at Kothi at about 8,000 ft. The next morning was wet and misty. There was soft wet snow on the Rhotang Pass and no view, but, just as we had been promised, as soon as we were a few hundred feet down on the north side we emerged from the mist into splendid sunshine. We descended almost to the Chandra River, about 10,500 ft. at this point, and camped there.

After a day's rest, we set off up the Chandra—a day's march to Chatru, another to Puti Runi and another to Shigri. These names apply to camping sites; there are no villages of any kind in the upper Chandra. The valley is barren apart from large patches of grass and many flowers. Fires have to be made with dung, the traditional fuel of central Asia. This is trans-Himalayan country; politically it is in India, but in every other respect it is a part of Tibet. We had a day and a half of rain on the way, but after that we had no more. A few days were cloudy, but the weather was perfect most of the time.

Each day the way became rougher, and at Shigri, where the river bends, we had to cross the snout of a large glacier. We were astonished to find that the horses could cross the moraines and the ice slopes littered with scree and boulders, but we all found it tiring work. By now we were really among the mountains and our camp at Shigri was surrounded by unclimbed peaks of over 20,000 ft. I have seldom been in a more spectacular place.

A day beyond Shigri, we crossed the Kunzam La and camped on the beautiful Shitaker meadow at about 15,000 ft. The meadow was covered with great drifts of forget-me-nots and enormous edelweiss. We decided to stay there for several days, to do some survey work and make a training climb. All the men went up a peak of just over 18,000 ft. south of the Kunzam La. It was not a difficult climb, but it was probably a first ascent. It was a splendid view point. The altitude made us slow and we had slight headaches when we returned to camp, but we were not unduly affected. There is no doubt that the rest at Shitaker and this climb greatly helped our training. Most parties seem to go too high too soon. From Shitaker we

descended again to the level of the Chandra and were able, with some difficulty, to cross to the right bank of the river. The rivers in this area run so quickly that the water need be little more than knee deep for the river to be unfordable. We found a good place for our base camp at about 14,000 ft. beside a clear stream with good pasture for the horses.

The base camp was on a meadow beside a stony estuary into which a large glacier flowed. The snout of the glacier was about four miles from the base camp and we established an advanced base camp on the lateral moraine, about three miles up the glacier itself. The glacier was very easy up to this point and we had a regular post service of horses between the two camps.

The main glacier is shown on the Survey of India map, but it is not accurately shown. We found it was not one glacier but a huge system of icefields and glaciers comparable with the Aletsch and its tributaries. The R.A.F. Himalayan Expedition had looked down at it from one of their tops to the west of us only a month before we were there, but so far as we know the glacier had not previously been visited. We spent some time exploring it and doing some rudimentary survey work. We climbed a peak of about 19,000 ft. We did this from the advanced base camp, but found nearly 4,000 ft. of climbing too much in a single day at this altitude. When we reached the centre summit, we found that the western summit was probably a few feet higher but we were too tired to go along the ridge to make sure. Frank Solari, the two Sherpas and I next went up the tributary glacier which came into the main glacier from the south. We had Camp I on this glacier and then went on to climb the highest peak beside it. This peak can be seen from the main Chandra valley and is marked 20,430 ft. on the map. So far as we could discover, the height and position of the peak are about right, as shown on the Survey of India map, but the details of the surrounding peaks and glaciers are entirely wrong. To ascend the peak we had to go about 1,500 ft. up an icefall, carrying heavy loads. We established Camp II on an ice shelf at about 17,800 ft. It was extremely

hot in the afternoon, but cold as soon as the sun went down. This was the only night on the whole trip that it was freezing inside the tent; I had to take my boots into my sleeping bag in the morning.

The alarm watch went off at 2 a.m. and I wakened the Sherpas who at once started the Primus. Discomfort, let alone hardship, should have no place in Himalayan climbing and any properly conducted expedition is much more luxurious than pigging it in Alpine huts. We lay comfortably in our sleeping bags, on our soft lilos, until a hot breakfast was handed through the sleeve entrance of the tent. We had porridge, which was good, and tinned Irish stew, which was not, and Nescafe which was as good as one could expect with water at  $180^{\circ}$  F., the boiling point at this altitude. What with all this luxury, it was after 4 o'clock before we started. It was still nearly an hour till sunrise, but there was a splendid moon and we had no need of lanterns. The morning was still, crisp and sparkling, and the snow was just right for crampons. We made about 1,000 ft. in the first hour, but after reaching about 19,000 ft. we began to slow down. The first part was a steep snow slope of about 1,000 ft., then a ridge of mixed snow, rock and scree, then some steeper, but still easy rock, and we were on the final ridge. This final ridge was about 500 ft. of snow and ice bulges, sometimes almost level and sometimes very steep. We hoped each bulge was the last, but the series seemed endless and we were going very slowly before we were on the top. As soon as we stopped we felt splendid; we admired the extensive view into Kashmir and Tibet, the Sherpas produced flags and we took photographs and had some food (chocolate, mint cake, cheese, jam and Ryvita). So far as we could see, only one mountain, some distance to the north, was definitely higher than us. On the descent, the snow had softened and needed care, but we reached Camp II without trouble. We had still time to go down the icfall but little inclination to go further, and while we were hesitating, a ton or so of stones shot down the only path through the fall and we promptly decided to stay till next morning.

By the next day, our time on the glacier was up and we returned to base camp. When we came to re-cross the Chandra to return the way we had come, we found the water had risen after a fortnight of good weather to melt the glaciers, and we could not cross. After one of the Sherpas and I were nearly swept away, the attempt was given up. Our only way back was to continue northwards to the Bara Lacha La, cross the pass and descend the Bhaga River which flows into the Chandra some distance below the Rhotang Pass. We knew that there was a good track down the Bhaga. This detour added about 60 miles to our journey. We arrived back in Manali on August 16th, having made the journey from base camp in eight days. Altogether we were away just under five weeks and covered about 200 miles on foot.

The health of the party was excellent. The two Sherpas, Ourkien and Numbe were everything that one could expect Sherpas to be—not only skilful in the mountains and hard workers in camp, but delightful men to be with. Ourkien was particularly good. The two local porters, who came from Ladakh, were raw lads when we started but Ourkien soon had them trained and they proved to be very good also. The horsemen took their beasts where we should never have thought horses could go, but the horses all returned in good health and with one foal more than at the start. We had not only good service, but prompt and smiling service, from everyone, even in conditions of discomfort or danger. Nothing was ever stolen and the only thing lost was my trousers which were swept off me in the Chandra, with my watch in a pocket.

In the Himalayas, a first ascent of a twenty-thousander counts for little, and our contribution to geographical knowledge is slight, but we did as much as we had ever hoped to do, and enjoyed ourselves thoroughly in doing it, so we consider the trip was a success.

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CLUB NOTES

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It was with the utmost gratification that British climbers learned of the conquest of Kanchenjunga by Dr. R. C. Evans and his gallant team. The fact that this was originally intended to be a reconnaissance expedition only makes their success all the more gratifying, and furthermore, Kanchenjunga, although not so high as Everest, has always been reputed to be more difficult.

In the meantime our own members have not been idle. Mr. H. McArthur and Mr. F. Solari with their wives organised a most successful private expedition to the Lahul Himalaya, and an account of this is given elsewhere in this Report.

One of our younger members (Mr. M. Holton) was the Secretary of the R.A.F. Himalayan Expedition which also visited the Lahul Himalaya. Delayed by late winter snows, they were unable to reach the Bara Shigri basin with their supplies and turned their attention to the Kulti Valley, where seven virgin peaks between 18,000 feet and 21,000 feet round the head of the valley were climbed. These mountains proved to be immediately to the west of the peak climbed by the other expedition a few weeks later. It is interesting to note that the leader of the R.A.F. Expedition (Wing Commander A. J. M. Smyth, O.B.E., D.F.C.) is a former member of the Association.

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There was no Alpine Meet in 1955 and the question now arises as to whether, with the easing of the currency restrictions, they are really necessary. They require infinitely more organisation than the Easter Meets, and there is no doubt that small well-matched parties are always more satisfactory. It is always open to individual members to join the climbs and meets organised by their respective Sections, and they can always be assured of a warm welcome, though, of course, a knowledge of the language is desirable. Details of these can be obtained from the Hon. Treasurer.

It would be very nice to revive the Annual Swiss Dinner which was always so successful before the war and possibly combine it with a Social Meet at which some walking and climbing could be arranged. A few attempts have been made to organise something of the sort since the war, but only once with any degree of success, when a dinner was held in 1947 in conjunction with the Arolla Meet.

Although in the British Isles the summer of 1955 was, generally speaking, the best for six years, the weather in the Alps—and indeed in many places in Europe—was very mixed. Climbing conditions in the high mountains were downright bad, and many guides expressed the view that they were little, if any, better than 1954.

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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 very successful, although the attendance was slightly smaller than that of last year. The Ladies' Night Dinner on May 25th was a really brilliant function. The Bishop of Leicester said Grace and we were privileged to entertain the new Swiss Minister and his wife, who had only arrived by air an hour previously from Switzerland. After the dinner Dr. Michael Ball (the Medical Officer of the New Zealand Makalu Expedition) gave us a most interesting account of the Expedition illustrated by beautiful coloured slides.

We have lost through death six members during the past year: Dr. C. F. Fothergill and Messrs. F. W. Cavey, G. Ellison, W. Galbraith, L. R. Gard and R. Kay. They will be sadly missed by all who knew them.

Obituary notices of Dr. Fothergill and Mr. Cavey will be found on another page.

Our "Silver Jubilee" Easter Meet was held at Wastdale Head, and it was most gratifying to find a really good hotel there after so many years of "austerity." Unfortunately, however, the weather was atrocious. The climbers were out in rain and thick mist practically every day and the walkers had to content themselves with the traverse of Ilgill Head and Whin Rigg and the Burnmoor Track.

The Meet was attended by the President with his wife and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Starkey, Mr. and Mrs. McArthur, Dr. Barton and Messrs. D. M. Clarke, M. N. Clarke, Dadson, Galloway, Greg, Jones, Parker, Richards, Small and Smith.

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

January 26th—"The Saas Fée Meet" (Members of the Meet).

February 23rd—"Rakaposhi" (Mr. Alfred Tissieres).

March 23rd—"Everest" (Brigadier Sir John Hunt, C.B.E., D.S.O.)

April 27th—"Some Reflections of a first Alpine Ascent" (Dr. A. W. Barton.)

June 22nd—"The Valais from East to West" (Mr. W. Kirstein).

September 28th—"Some Aspects of Victorian Mountaineering" (Mr. R. W. Clark).

October 19th—"Lahul Himalaya" (Mr. H. McArthur.)

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 1956 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.

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### *The Librarian's Report*

The removal of the Library from the second floor to a larger room on the third floor of 28, Monument Street was the chief event of the year under review. A somewhat better display of our books, and of our pictures, thus became possible. Unfortunately little use was made of the Association's Library, especially during the latter half of the year, although we have many interesting books which are rarely to be found in public libraries. Suggestions for improvements are, of course, always welcomed by the librarian.

In last year's report we alluded to certain gaps which existed in our far from complete collection of Alpine literature, and we are now glad to state that two have been filled. The mountaineering novel, "Running Water," by our second president, A. E. W. Mason, was kindly given by Mr. F. Wilson, and the book "Days of Fresh Air," by the late L. A. Amery, was returned after an absence of fifteen years. May we hope that other, almost forgotten stragglers will find their way back?

Additions to the Library include the following:

Alpine Club	Alpine Journals Nos. 290 and 291.
Sir Gavin de Beer	Alps and Elephants. Travellers in Switzerland.
Sir Edmund Hillary	High Adventure.

R. L. G. Irving	A History of British Mountaineering.
	The Mountain Way.
Sir Arnold Lunn	Zermatt and the Valais.
A. E. W. Mason	Running Water.
C. D. Milner	Mont Blanc and the Aiguilles.
C. W. F. Noyce	Scholar Mountaineers.
	South Col.
Ski Club of Great Britain	Handbook of Ski-Touring.
G. Soloveytchik	Switzerland in Perspective.
S.A.C.	Bündner Alpen: Bernina.
Swiss Foundation	The Mountain World, 1955.

We are indebted to members and kindred societies for gifts of books and journals, to Dr. E. Bircher, Mr. T. S. Blakeney, Mr. J. P. O'F. Lynam, and Mr. F. Wilson, and to the Ski Club of Great Britain, the Ladies' Alpine Club, the Fell and Rock Climbing Club, the Swiss Alpine Club and the Swiss Federal Railways.

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The Hon. Editor desires to express his regret to Mr. C. T. Lehmann for his faulty mathematics. It was stated in the 1955 Report that Mr. Lehmann had served as Hon. Treasurer for nearly nineteen years; actually he served for nearly twenty-nine years. The Hon. Editor's only excuse is that Mr. Lehmann always appeared so perennially young that it was almost impossible to realise the passage of time. Immediately prior to taking over the Honorary Treasurership at the beginning of 1926 he had served as Hon. Librarian for seven years. Truly a remarkable record of service!

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A second case has been reported in which a Swiss climber has been prosecuted for manslaughter under the Swiss Penal Code for causing the death of his climbing companion by imprudence and neglect and sent to prison,

In the earlier case, which occurred in 1943 and is reported in some detail on pages 21 and 22 of our 1945 Handbook, the climber received a sentence of two months. In the later case, which occurred last Whitsuntide and was reported in *The Times* as well as on page 379 of the *Alpine Journal* for November, 1955, the climber received a sentence of twelve months.

The details of the two cases are comparatively unimportant, but the principle involved in both cases is the same.

**In both cases it was proved (a) that death was caused by the neglect of certain universally recognised precautions, and (b) that the climber had failed in his duty as a "de facto" guide. There is no doubt that foreigners would be equally liable.**

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By the death of the Right Hon. L. S. Amery, C.H., not only the climbing fraternity but the country has suffered a severe loss. A distinguished statesman and a great imperialist, he was President of the Alpine Club in 1944, 1945 and 1946, and has written two books of delightful reminiscences apart from his great autobiography. He came on several occasions to our dinners; he was a charming personality as well as a brilliant and witty speaker.

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On 3rd June, 1956, the present first-class accommodation will be withdrawn by the principal European Railway Administrations.

As far as Switzerland is concerned, it is anticipated that the present 2nd and 3rd-class fares will be the future 1st and 2nd class fares respectively.

Apart from the withdrawal of the yellow first-class tickets and the cancellation of the fares in the respective tariffs, no further changes in the fare structure are contemplated.

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The attention of members is drawn to *Mountaineering*, which is the official organ of the British Mountaineering Council.

This interesting publication is intended to be complementary to Club Journals—containing general information of interest to mountaineers: reports of the activities of the B.M.C. (covering equipment, safety, guides, access to outcrops, films, and so on), in addition to numerous reference items and notes, a list of British climbing clubs, biographical notes about member clubs, summaries of Himalayan activities, and of developments nearer home, as well as articles of general interest.

The reports of the Equipment Sub-Committee are particularly interesting at the present time. All developments are reported directly in *Mountaineering*. Recent work resulted in the condemnation of “war-surplus” karabiners, widely used in this country, after a series of sample tests which showed that many distorted or even opened under ridiculously small loads. New investigations into nylon rope will be the subject of reports in the near future.

*Mountaineering* is published in March and September each year, price 1s. 6d. per issue, post free. The B.M.C. invite would-be subscribers to send a cheque or postal order (made payable to the British Mountaineering Council) to cover four or six issues to the Hon. Treasurer of *Mountaineering*, Mr. H. Coates, Greystead, Milesplit Hill, London, N.W.7. A list showing the contents of back numbers can also be obtained from Mr. Coates.

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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 23rd. The President was in the Chair, and 85 Members and Guests were present.

The Guests of the Association were His Excellency the Swiss Minister and Madame Daeniker; the Right Hon. Viscount Hailsham, Q.C. (Alpine Club); Miss Dorothy Lee (Ladies' Alpine Club); Mr. R. G. Folkard (Scottish Mountaineering Club); Mr. J. Longland (Cambridge University Mountaineering Club); Mr. A. St. G. Huggett (London University Mountaineering Club); Squadron-Leader Gordon Cumming (R.A.F. Mountaineering Association); Mr. C. Gysin (City Swiss Club); Lieut.-Colonel H. Stuart Townend, O.B.E. (Director of the Anglo-Swiss Society); Mr. E. M. Schaeffeler (Swiss National Tourist Office).

Mr. B. L. Richards proposed the toast of the "Swiss Confederation," and the Swiss Minister made a very charming reply in the course of which he quoted an amusing little poem by the late L. S. Amery. The President then proposed the toast of "The Association" and gave a résumé of the activities of the past year.

After that Mr. H. McArthur proposed the toast of "The Guests and Kindred Clubs," and this was responded to by Viscount Hailsham in a very witty speech. Finally Mr. D. R. Fisher proposed the toast of the President, who in turn proposed the health of Mr. Starkey, and this concluded the proceedings.

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### SUMMER HOLIDAYS, 1956.

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.

The Insurance covers 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
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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 208
4. Youth Hostel, Gillerthwaite Farm, Ennerdale	Mr. R. S. Hughes ..	At Anglers' Inn, Lamplugh 202
5. Dungeon Ghyll Old Hotel, Great Langdale	Mr. S. H. Cross ..	Langdale 272
6. The Institute, Coniston (Two rucksacks also in hut at Dow Crag) Ask for Coniston Fell Rescue Party.	Mr. J. C. Appleyard	Coniston 331
7. Gatesgarth Farm, Buttermere	Mr. Richardson ..	Buttermere 206
8. Outward Bound Mountain School, Eskdale	The Warden ..	Eskdale 26
9. Sty Head Pass ..	Borrowdale Mountain Rescue Team	None
10. Goldrill Youth Hostel, Patterdale	The Warden	—

*North Wales.*

1. Youth Hostel, Idwal Cottage, Bethesda	Miss D. Griffiths ..	Public Tel. Box outside Hostel, L.O.G., Ogwen 1
2. Ogwen Cottage ..	Mr. M. Jones ..	Bethesda 214
3. Pen-y-Gwryd Hotel.	Mr. C. S. Briggs ..	Llanberis 211
4. Quellyn Arms Hotel, Rhyd-ddu	Mr. E. A. Jones ..	Beddgelert 267

*Mid-Wales.*

Kit will be sent by car from :—

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<i>for year to 30th September, 1955..</i>		56	12 8	2½% Treasury Stock .. .. .	£200		
				4½% Agricultural Mortgage			
	£ s. d.	1,613	9 1	Corporation Debenture			
<i>Add Provision for 1942</i>				Stock, 1977-82 .. .. .	£1,000		
<i>Subscriptions to S.A.C.</i>				<i>Market Value at 30th September, 1955 ..</i>	£1,709 0 0		
<i>written back .. .. .</i>	188	17	11				
<i>Less Refunds claimed by</i>							
<i>Members .. .. .</i>	15	11	0				
			173 6 11				
			1,786 16 0				
			1,786 16 0				
			£2,809 0 0				£2,809 0 0

I have examined the Books and Vouchers of the Association and report that the above Accounts are in accordance therewith. The provision for 1942 Subscriptions not remitted to the S.A.C. has been discontinued in accordance with a resolution of the Committee dated 22nd June, 1955.

(Signed) S. E. ORCHARD, Hon. Auditor.

16th November, 1955.



# RECEIPTS AND

## for the Year ending

### RECEIPTS.

1954.	SECTION.	Cr.
		£   s.   d.
£1,612	Subscriptions Received .. .. .	1,586 13 5
ASSOCIATION.		
347	Subscriptions Received .. .. .	343 11 10
80	Interest Received .. .. .	81 6 7
37	Less Tax Deducted at Source .. .. .	34 2 4
4	Library Sales .. .. .	47 4 3
39	Balance to Accumulated Revenue Account, being Surplus	0 11 0
(Income Surplus)	of Expenditure over Income for the year .. .. .	56 12 8

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£2,034 13 2

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## EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

30th September, 1955

## EXPENDITURE:

1954	DR.					£	s	d.
		SECTION.						
£1,575	Remittances to Sections .. .. .					1,553	10	7
4	Subscriptions Returned to Members .. .. .					0	9	0
2	Bank Charges .. .. .					1	19	10
		ASSOCIATION.						
30	Hire of Rooms for Meetings .. .. .					28	7	0
40	Postage .. .. .					39	0	0
118	Annual Report .. .. .					153	16	9
17	Clerical Assistance .. .. .					50	0	0
8	Insurance .. .. .					9	9	0
52	Printing and Stationery .. .. .					39	3	0
74	Library Expenses .. .. .					114	0	11
22	Entertainment .. .. .					20	0	6
9	Subscription—B.M.C. .. .. .					7	0	0
2	Corporation Duty .. .. .					3	1	3
—	Hire of Lantern .. .. .					5	15	6
—	Subscriptions Returned to Members .. .. .					0	13	6
10	Sundries .. .. .					8	6	4
						<u>£2,034 13 2</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. 0d. in the case of Town Members and £4 4s. 0d. in the case of Country Members shall constitute Life Membership.

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

## 5. MEETINGS.

- (a) An Annual General Meeting and Dinner shall be held in November or December. Other meetings may be held as the Committee think fit.
- (b) The Committee, on the requisition of twelve members, shall at any time call a Special General Meeting, provided that seven clear days' notice be given to all Members of such a Special General Meeting, together with full information as to the place, time, and business to be transacted.

## 6. COMMITTEE.

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

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

President,  
Two Elective Vice-Presidents,  
Honorary Vice-Presidents,  
Two Hon. Secretaries,  
Hon. Treasurer,  
Assistant Hon. Treasurer,  
Hon. Editor,  
Hon. Librarian,  
Hon. Solicitor,

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

- b) The Ordinary Members of the Committee shall be twelve in number. One-third of them shall retire annually, and shall not be eligible for re-election until after one year has elapsed. The Committee may co-opt not more than three additional Members, one of whom must retire yearly; the mode of election and manner of retirement to rest with the Committee. Five Members shall constitute a quorum. The Committee may suggest names for Officers and Committee, but this is not to be taken as precluding any two Members from nominating candidates, whose consent, however, must be previously obtained.

At least three weeks' notice of the Annual Meeting shall be given to every Member; and nominations for Officers and Committee must be sent in to the Secretaries at least ten days before the Annual Meeting. In the event of more candidates being nominated than there are vacancies the election shall be by ballot.

## **7. POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE.**

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

## **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.

*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 10th January, 1956.)

*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.*

656 Members, of whom 82 are Life Members, 7 Honorary Members.  
109 on Retired List, and 458 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*).  
 Daeniker, *His Excellency Monsieur, the Swiss Minister.*  
 Hunt, Brigadier Sir John, C.B.E., D.S.O., 'AC.' (*Oberhasli*).  
 Mariétan, Abbé Dr. Ignace (*Monte Rosa*).  
 Merriman, S. de V., 'AC.' (*Hon. Librarian, 1939-1952.*)

## KINDRED CLUBS.

- The Alpine Club, 74, South Audley Street, W.1.  
 Alpine Ski Club, Hon. Sec., Wing-Commander K. C. Smith, Cockshut, Reigate, Surrey.  
 Ladies' Alpine Club, Hon. Sec., Mrs. Starkey, 39, Orchard Drive, Chorley Wood, Herts.  
 American Alpine Club, Hon. Sec., Henry S. Hall, Junior, 154, Coolidge Hill, Cambridge, Mass., U.S.A.  
 Cambridge University Mountaineering Club, c/o The Scott Polar Research Institute, Lensfield Road, Cambridge.  
 Camping Club of Great Britain and Ireland (Mountaineering Section), Hon. Sec., G. M. Watkins, 9, Primrose Mansions, Prince of Wales Drive, S.W.11.  
 Climbers' Club, Hon. Sec., R. M. Viney, Flat 68, 6/9 Charterhouse Square, E.C.1.  
 Fell and Rock Climbing Club (London Section), R. A. Tyssen-Gee, Flat 11, 7, Cleveland Gardens, W.2.  
 Fell and Rock Climbing Club, Mrs. L. Pickering, High Beanthwaite, Kirkby-in-Furness; W. E. Kendrick, Customs and Excise, Fairfield Road, 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., c/o Imperial College Union, Prince Consort Road, S.W.7.  
 Irish Mountaineering Club, Hon. Sec., W. J. Carroll, 4, Prince Arthur Terrace, Rathmines, Dublin.  
 Kenya Mountain Club of East Africa (Kenya Section), P.O. Box 1831, Nairobi, Kenya, East Africa.  
 Manchester University Mountaineering Club, Hon. Sec., H. S. Loxley, The University Union, Manchester 15.  
 Midland Association of Mountaineers, J. P. G. Parish, 17, Farquhar Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham.  
 Oxford University Mountaineering Club, c/o School of Geography, Mansfield Road, Oxford.  
 Rucksack Club, Hon. Sec., J. E. Byrom, Highfield, Douglas Road, Hazel Grove, Cheshire.  
 Ski Club of Great Britain, 118, Eaton Square, S.W.1.



- Yorkshire Ramblers' Club, Hon. Sec., J. E. Cullingworth, 1, Belgrave Terrace, Huddersfield.
- Scottish Mountaineering Club, Room 31, Synod Hall, Castle Terrace, Edinburgh.
- South Africa, Mountain Club of, P.O. Box 164, Cape Town, South Africa.
- Wayfarers' Club, Hon. Sec., R. Shaw, Glencoe, Heswall, Cheshire.
- Ladies' Scottish Climbing Club, Hon. Sec., Miss A. Smith, Addistoun, Ratho, Newbridge, Midlothian.
- Ladies' Swiss Alpine Club, President, Fräulein Fridy Baumann, Zinggentorstrasse 8, Lucerne, Switzerland.
- Himalayan Club, P.O. Box 9049, Calcutta.
- British Mountaineering Council, Hon. Sec., J. A. Stewart, 1, Castellan Road, W.9.

### SWISS ALPINE CLUB SECTIONS.

- Altels Section: O. Stoller, Bergführer Kandersteg. Subscription £2 13s. 6d. Entrance fee 16s. 8d.
- Bern Section: Hans Baumgartner, Bankbeamter, Zeerlederstrasse 3, Bern. Subscription £3 6s. 0d.
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- Diablerets Section: G. Gentil, Place Chauderon, 26, Lausanne. Subscription £2 12s. 6d. Entrance fee 17s.
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LIST OF OFFICERS  
SINCE THE FORMATION OF THE ASSOCIATION

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**Presidents**

1909-1911	Clinton Dent.
1912-1922	A. E. W. Mason.
1923-1926	Dr. H. L. R. Dent.
1927-1930	Brigadier-General The Hon. C. G. Bruce, C.B., M.V.O.
1931-1933	W. M. Roberts, O.B.E.
1934-1936	A. N. Andrews.
1937-1945	C. T. Lehmann.
1946-1948	Dr. N. S. Finzi.
1949-1951	Gerald Steel, C.B.
1952-1953	Colonel E. R. Culverwell, M.C.
1954-	F. R. Crepin.

**Vice-Presidents**

(from 1948)

1948	Gerald Steel, C.B., and Colonel E. R. Culverwell, M.C.
1949	Colonel E. R. Culverwell, M.C., and Brigadier E. Gueterbock.
1950	Colonel E. R. Culverwell, M.C., Rev. G. H. Lancaster (died April, 1950), and Dr. C. F. Fothergill.
1951-52	Dr. C. F. Fothergill and Lieut.-Colonel A. E. Tydeman.
1953	Lieut.-Colonel A. E. Tydeman and J. R. Amphlett.
1954-55	J. R. Amphlett and Robert Greg.
1956-	Robert Greg and Dr. J. W. Healy.

Prior to 1948 the Vice-Presidents of the Association did not hold office for any definite period, and in the majority of cases, once elected, held office for life. In later years, with few exceptions, only those who had held office as President were elected Vice-Presidents. In 1947 it was considered that this system was not satisfactory and that

in future there should be two Vice-Presidents only who, like the President, should not hold office for longer than three years in succession. At the Annual General Meeting in 1947 the existing Vice-Presidents were created Honorary Vice-Presidents, and as such hold office for life subject only to re-election at each Annual General Meeting. The following were Vice-Presidents of the Association between 1909 and 1948 :—

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

#### Honorary Secretaries

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.  
 1949-1953 F. R. Crepin and George Starkey.  
 1954- George Starkey and R. C. J. Parker.

#### Honorary Treasurers

1909-1911 C. E. King-Church.  
 1912-1925 J. A. B. Bruce.  
 1926-1954 C. T. Lehmann.  
 1954- J. R. Amphlett.

**Honorary Auditors**

1909-1914	A. B. Challis.
1915-1922	Reginald Graham.
1923-1930	W. L. Adams.
1931-1940	F. Oughton.
1941-1952	J. A. Marsden-Neye.
1953-	S. E. Orchard.

**Honorary Librarians**

1909-1918	J. A. B. Bruce.
1919-1928	C. T. Lehmann.
1929-1932	A. N. Andrews.
1933-1938	George Anderson.
1939-1952	S. de V. Merriman.
1953-	C. J. France.

**Honorary Solicitors**

1909-1932	E. R. Taylor.
1933-	Sir Edwin Herbert.

**Honorary Editor***(created 1949)*

1949-	M. N. Clarke.
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Prior to 1949 the duties of the Hon. Editor were carried out by one of the Hon. Secretaries.

**Assistant Honorary Treasurer***(created 1949)*

1949-	A. G. Schofield.
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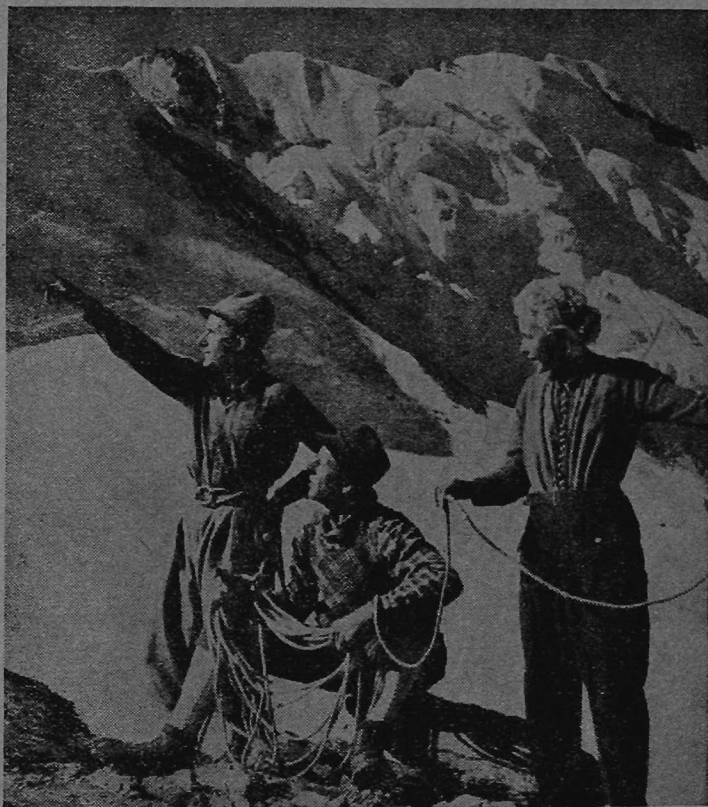
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