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SWISS ALPINE CLUB
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ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH MEMBERS
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*The Annual Report, Accounts and Balance Sheet
for 1952.*

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

Altels - - - -	13	Interlaken - - -	25
Diablerets - - -	121	Monte Rosa - - -	186
Geneva - - - -	86	Oberhasli - - -	14
Grindelwald - -	58	Other Sections - -	38

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

NEW MEMBERS.

84 new members have joined during the past year, but 7 have died and 109 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, 1952	- - - -	762
Less Resignations, Deaths, etc., during 1952	-	116
Total, January 1st, 1953	- - - -	646

Of these, 79 are Life Members, 7 Honorary Members, 455 Ordinary Members, and 105 on the Retired List.

PROGRESS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

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

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

As was, however, envisaged that year the economic situation is having its effect upon our membership, and again this year our annual turnover shows a debit balance. Although our numbers are still well over 600, they are likely to fall still further under prevailing conditions. What the future holds in store no one dare prophesy.

THE ADVANTAGES OF BELONGING TO THE SWISS ALPINE CLUB.

Quite apart from the sentimental feeling that a member of the S.A.C. is helping mountaineers in the country in which he is a guest to add to the amenities of the sport, the definite material advantages are set out below.

RIGHTS IN THE S.A.C. HUTS.

Members of the Club, together with their wives, have priority of right to the sleeping places and in many huts there is a room for members only; next after members comes the ladies' Swiss Club, and then the kindred clubs, such as the French A.C. Anyone else is really in a club hut on sufferance. In addition a member pays, in most huts, only 1 fr. 50c. per night, and a non-member 3 to 5 francs. Those who intend to climb have priority over others in the same category. A member may introduce his wife and children (under 20 years of age) on the same terms as himself. Members are entitled to use any S.A.C. Hut regardless of what Section they may belong to.

It is worth remembering, in connection with projected visits to huts that while a Section may reserve a hut for its members to the extent of three-quarters of its capacity only, one-quarter is always available for others of the S.A.C. It is generally worth the trouble before going to a hut to ascertain from a local hotel-keeper whether a hut is so reserved, and if it is, to go up there early in the day. As a rule these reservations may not be made on Saturdays and Sundays. It is when one comes down to a hut on a day when it has been reserved, that the advantages of membership are most precious.

A few of the huts in Switzerland do not belong to the S.A.C., but as a rule these are run in close alliance with that Club and the special regulations make little difference to members of the S.A.C.

REDUCTIONS ON RAILWAYS.

But the matter which, perhaps, makes the greatest appeal to many people is the advantages due to the large reductions made to members on the mountain railways

(except in the Engadine). In taking a holiday in some districts a member saves, in these reductions, considerably more than his subscription to the Club.

For convenience we publish the official list of the reductions, somewhat abbreviated, from "Die Alpen," March, 1952. The complete list is usually published each 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) ; Mottas-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.

HOW TO JOIN THE SWISS ALPINE CLUB.

It is often thought by candidates that the qualification for membership may be a bar to joining the S.A.C. This is not necessarily the case. Most Sections require only a moderate qualification, guaranteed, however, by the

assurance of a member that the candidate has some mountaineering experience. Officials of the Club will always be pleased to render assistance in this matter. The following is the procedure for anyone who wishes to join :—

Write to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. C. T. Lehmann, 28, Monument Street, E.C.3, or to one of the Hon. Secretaries (letters should be marked S.A.C. on the envelope); in this letter the writer should state whether he wishes to join a French, German, or Italian-speaking section.

The entrance form, when filled in, must be returned in all cases to Mr. Lehmann, together with a small photograph, passport size, and the necessary subscription and entrance fee.

For the benefit of those who leave things until the last moment, we would point out that arrangements have been made whereby members of the Geneva, Diablerets, Monte Rosa, Grindelwald and Interlaken Sections (the first three being French-speaking and the last two German-speaking) can be enrolled at *this* end. This takes a week or ten days if members also join the Association. Normally it takes about two months, as in the case of all other sections it is necessary to communicate with the local Committees

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

In addition, the subscription to the Association is £1 for Town members and 10s. for Country members. A Country member is defined under the Rules as being a member who resides outside a radius of 50 miles of Charing Cross. There is no entrance fee. Anyone who joins the Association may pay through Mr. Lehmann by remitting him each January the necessary subscription. The Association is willing to arrange for anyone to join the S.A.C., but only continues the remittances to Switzerland for those who join the Association as well. Life membership of the Association costs £8 8s. for Town members and £4 4s. for Country members.

CARDS OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE S.A.C.

The Swiss Alpine Club Membership Card (the buff card with the member's photograph inside) is usually issued every three years, but the Central Committee has decided that the old cards shall continue to be available until further notice, *provided the gummed slip for the current year, with the signature of the President of the Central Committee, is affixed to the lower half of the inside cover.* It is very necessary for all members to be careful about this.

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

Loss of Membership Card or Badge.—It is inevitable that someone or other should lose his card or badge, and this is most likely to be discovered at holiday times. If such a loss occur, it is best for the member concerned to write direct to his Section Treasurer, as our own officials are quite likely to be away at such a time, and in any case can only refer the matter to Switzerland. To avoid delay a photograph should be sent at the same time if it be the membership card that has been lost. Members of the Geneva, Diablerets and Interlaken Sections, however, can obtain new membership cards and badges straight away from the Hon. Treasurer's office. Price for new membership card is 1/9.

The price of a new badge is 3/6.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE.

Mr. J. R. Amphlett was elected a Vice-President in place of Dr. C. F. Fothergill, whose term of office had expired. Mr. C. J. France and Mr S. E. Orchard were elected Hon. Librarian and Hon. Auditor respectively in place of Mr. S. de V. Merriman and Mr. J. A. Marsden-Neye, who did not seek re-election. All the other officers were re-elected.

The following members of the Committee retired, having completed their terms of office: Messrs. R. G. Dunning, R. P. Mears, B. L. Richards and A. U. Sarpy. The resulting vacancies were filled by the election of Dr. J. W. Healy (Geneva) and Messrs. D. G. Lambley (Monte Rosa), R. C. J. Parker (Bernina) and R. A. Tyssen-Gee (Diablerets). The remaining members of the Committee were re-elected.

FINANCE.

Although our membership has been substantially maintained our Section income being £356 as compared with £361 last year, the balance of Income over Expenditure is only £4 3s. 8d. as compared with £49 10s. 1d. for 1951 owing to the heavily increased cost of Annual Report, Postages, Printing and Stationery.

There is no item of subscription during 1952 for the British Mountaineering Council as the amount due for 1952 was deducted from what we paid in 1951.

It will be noted that owing to the unavoidable delay in getting the Accounts audited no Certificate at the time of going to print can be attached to the Accounts presented by the Hon. Treasurer. The figures presented are substantially correct though some change in their presentation may be requested by the new Auditor.

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

The distribution of grants to beneficiaries under this Trust in 1952 has been on practically the same lines as in 1951. There have been no deaths to deplore nor any demand for extra assistance.

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

THE HONORARY SECRETARIES,

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

THE HONORARY TREASURER,

All communications concerning Subscriptions should be sent to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. C. T. Lehmann, 28, Monument Street, E.C.3.—Telephone: Mansion House 5921. Resignations must be sent in before December 31st, and any member whose subscription remains unpaid on the 31st March following will automatically be struck off the list of members.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

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

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 CLUB ROOM AND LIBRARY.

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

ARRANGEMENTS FOR 1953.

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 25th.	Wednesday, June 24th.
Wednesday, March 25th.	Wednesday, September 23rd.
Wednesday, April 22nd.	Wednesday, October 21st.
Wednesday, May 27th.	

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 Grand Hotel, Fort William, from April 1st to April 8th.

In view of the Coronation and also the steady decline in numbers during the past few years, the Committee have decided not to hold a Ladies' Night Dinner in 1953.

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

The Annual Dinner has been fixed for Wednesday, November 25th, at the Connaught Rooms.

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.
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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.
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R. K. STIRLING.
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ROGER E. THOMPSON.
W. M. VINCENT.
KENNETH WILCOX.
H. D. WILLIS.



Roll of Honour.

1939—1945



J. CARR.

ALAN CLARK.

K. W. GRAHAM.

T. C. LARKWORTHY.

P. R. P. MIERS.

M. R. C. OVERTON.

G. W. M. SWALLOW.

J. MORIN (*Hon. Member*).

THE EASTER MEET

The Easter Meet was held from April 9th to April 16th at the Old Dungeon Ghyll Hotel, Langdale, where we were made most comfortable by Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Cross. The cottage in which some of the party slept was somewhat reminiscent of a Swiss Hut, and was extremely comfortable.

The weather was considerably better than it had been for several years. Two days were gloriously fine, and we did not have a single really bad day; Easter Sunday, which broke fine, was blacked out by dense mist before mid-day with the result that several members of the party spent most of the day wandering round in circles on Bowfell.

A good deal of climbing and much ridge walking was done, and two visits were paid to Dow Crag. On the first occasion the walking party took the advantage of going over with the climbers, and walked back over the Old Man Ridge. The views were absolutely superb.

One thing only marred the enjoyment of the Meet, and that was a mysterious attack of gastric influenza which virtually incapacitated a third of the party for forty-eight hours. It was completely inexplicable, but there were reports in the newspapers of similar outbreaks in other parts of the country during the Easter holiday.

The Meet was attended by 19 members and guests: Colonel and Mrs. E. R. Culverwell, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Crepin, Mr. and Mrs. H. McArthur, Mr. and Mrs. George Starkey, Mrs. P. K. Benner with her son and daughter, Dr. A. W. Barton and Messrs. M. N. Clarke, R. L. Greg, J. B. Lodge, R. C. J. Parker, B. L. Richards, E. L. Theobald and J. O. J. Watmore.

The 1953 Easter Meet will be held at the Grand Hotel, Fort William, from April 1st to April 8th, and let us hope that we shall be as lucky with the weather there as we were in 1937.

M. N. C.

THE ALPINE MEET, 1952.

The sixth Alpine Meet of the Association was held at Neustift in the Stubaital in Austria.

This simple statement conjures up memories of a small village, in peaceful surroundings, with steep slopes rising to rocky summits and with a magnificent view up the valley to the glaciers of the Zuckerhütl and the Wilder Pfaff.

The Meet was based on the Pension *Schöne Aussicht*, a simple pension where we were made very comfortable and where we received generous treatment. Roy Crepin had made the usual arrangement under which a deduction was made from the bill in respect of time spent in huts. When we came to settle up we were told that a deduction of 32 Austrian shillings per day would be made for this purpose out of the pension rate of 55 Austrian shillings.

The proprietor, Herr Falbesonner, was extremely helpful and on several occasions smoothed our passage in the huts by telephoning for sleeping quarters and in other ways. The pension is situated some 400 feet above the valley floor and whilst this improved the view the labour of this final ascent after a hard day produced the appropriate quota of groans.

The party numbered 18 persons—15 climbers and 3 walkers—and in the interests of economy only two guides were engaged. Both were quite good although one of them seemed to have peculiar notions as to the use of the rope on glaciers if reports are to be believed.

The Meet was remarkable for its weather which was very good or very bad according to the time of day the observations were made. Suffice it to say, however, that we experienced many heavy thunderstorms but, as these appeared in the late afternoon or early evening, the climbing did not really suffer.

There are something like eight huts in the vicinity ranging from the Innsbruck hut at the head of the Pinnisial with its superb dolomite peaks, round in a semicircle to the Franz Senn hut and the Starckenburger on the westerly side of the valley. They were all very comfortable although the Meet spent a hideous night at the Innsbruck hut, having been incautious enough to go there on Saturday night. However, we survived and had glorious views from the top of Habicht the next day.

The party was found, as is usual, to consist of younger men and the more elderly in almost equal proportions, so that it was possible to allocate a guide to the younger men and so give them their heads while the elderly proceeded in a manner suitable to their alleged decrepitude. When, however, it is recalled that a past President who has passed the prescribed limit of three score and ten was with the party and that he climbed as many peaks as anybody else, it will be perhaps conceded that the elderly were not so decrepit after all.

In a report of a climbing meet one is liable to hear only of the expeditions of the climbing party. Such will be the case in this account for the very good reason that the walkers were always with the climbers except for the actual ascent of the peaks. Indeed one pair of walkers so far forgot their walking status as to climb to the top of the Hohe Burgstall and whilst they got very wet in the process they enjoyed themselves enormously one gathers.

In all 14 peaks were climbed by 35 parties and the following day to day account of the activities of the elderly gentlemen will give a picture of the Meet as a whole, since the younger group climbed virtually the same peaks but in a different order.

July 24.—The Meet arrived in Neustift and after the usual hurly burly settled into the hotel, marvelling at the mountainous loads of luggage carried up by the hotel porter on his back from the bus terminus in the village.

- July 25.*—Up to the Starkenburg hut for a training walk. Marvellous view over the surrounding mountains and up the Oberberg Tal, with its great water fall, to the Franz Senn hut. Most of the party climbed the Hohe Burgstall and obtained a view of the dolomitic mountains of the Kalkkogel group.
- July 26.*—Up the Pinnistal past Herzeben to the Innsbruck hut.
- July 27.*—Climbed Habicht, an easy mountain with a magnificent view and crowds of other climbers. Back to Neustift for the night.
- July 28.*—The elderly party went up to the Franz Senn hut with plans for a stay of two nights. The weather was doubtful early and became worse as the day proceeded. During the night six inches of snow fell at hut level.
- July 29.*—Clouds down to hut level. The party set off for the Leissener Fernkogel in weather which was bad but seemed to be improving. A long approach in thick clouds led to the glaciers. At this point the weather cleared up temporarily and the peak was duly climbed although heavy new snow made the going very arduous and not a little tricky on one steepish portion of the upper glacier where it was lying on bare ice.
- July 30.*—A short day. Two of the party climbed the Hohe Viller with the guide. A mild rock climb and so back to Neustift.
- July 31.*—An off day for some. Reports of the other party's doings in the Zuckerhuti group.
- August 1.*—The party took the comic bus up the valley to the hamlet of Ranalt to go up to the Dresdener hut. A very beautiful walk with views of several fine water falls on the way. Doubtful weather which became heavy rain just before we reached the hut.

August 2.—Left the hut at 4.20 a.m. for the Zuckerhut in threatening weather. After crossing the Lange Pfaffennieder there seemed to be hope that the weather would clear. The peak was climbed by the usual east ridge from the Pfaffen Sattel and we enjoyed half an hour of sunshine on the summit. The weather, however, closed in again and the party traversed to the top of the Wilder Pfaff in thick mist. The descent from this peak by the rocky E.S.E. ridge was made in a series of snow flurries and the Muller Haus reached in a state of gloom. The succeeding night was extremely cold in this rather isolated hut.

August 3.—We decided to get up early and try to bag two peaks to-day. Accordingly as the morning was brilliantly fine we crossed the glacier and ascended the Sonklarspitze, returning to the hut for breakfast. Afterwards the west ridge of the Wilder Freiger was climbed and the peak traversed to the Nurnberger hut. The ridge is quite a good scramble while it lasts but is disfigured not only by the barbed wire of the Austro-Italian frontier but also by a number of quite unnecessary iron spikes and fixed cables. So down to Neustift for most of the party though one member remained at the hut and climbed the West Feuerstein Spitze next day.

This ended the climbing of the official party. News and views were exchanged with the other group. One member had gone off with the younger guide to do a very severe rock climb on the Elferspitze and was very pleased with the fact that he had only "come off" twice.

So another Alpine Meet came to an end. Most members went home, whilst the few remaining ones, who had come out after the main body, went wandering for a little longer in Austria. The homeward bound, by some mysterious means, found places on the vastly overcrowded bus to Innsbruck, and after a good lunch in that battered city proceeded on their various ways.

Those present at the Meet were Mr. and Mrs. McArthur, Mr. and Mrs. Peskett, Mr. and Mrs. Schofield, Mr. and Mrs. Starkey, Dr. N. S. Finzi, Dr. J. W. Healy and Messrs. R. L. Greg, H. R. L. Hoskyn, J. Jaffé, D. C. Lambley, I. B. Mason, R. L. Mitchell, J. F. Wright and Miss Munro.

G. S.

CLUB NOTES

When we met on September 24th after the summer holidays we were deeply concerned to hear of the grave illness of our President. The news came as a terrible shock to practically all of us, because Colonel Culverwell had been in his usual health and spirits when we last saw him on June 25th and he was greatly looking forward to attending the Meet at Neustift. He has had several operations but he is at last beginning to make progress, and we trust that by the time these lines are in print that we shall again be seeing him at our meetings. It has been a terribly anxious time for Mrs. Culverwell, but we hope that her troubles are now over.

The economic situation in 1952 was gravely aggravated by the drastic reduction in the currency allowance and this, unfortunately, more than offset the benefit of the 30 per cent. reduction in Guides' Tariffs which was again in operation. In consequence very few of our members were able to go to Switzerland except for a few days on their way to or from Austria. We have got to face the unpleasant fact that, until the economic situation substantially improves, a climbing holiday in Switzerland (as opposed to a walking holiday) is only possible at considerable sacrifice of one's material comforts.

Some of our younger members, however, who are prepared to spend their time almost entirely in huts, may be interested in the following extract from a letter which was received some months ago from Mr. R. Bonwit :

“The cost of food in Switzerland was an agreeable surprise. By buying at the Pontresina Konsum (co-op) shop, one can obtain enough food at the rate of about

frs. 25 a head per week. At the Boval hut, arrangements can be made whereby everything is cooked and hot water provided at an inclusive rate of frs. 4 per diem, including frs. 1.50 for lodging. Alternatively, full pension can be obtained at frs. 14 in winter and frs. 13 in summer. Altogether the stay at this hut should not cost much more than the equivalent of £5 a week, provided the average load carried up includes 10 kg. of food for each person. The guardian is CASPER GRASS (formerly Chief Guide of Pontresina), to whom all enquiries should be addressed; I gather that his fee would approximate frs. 50 per diem for a whole group of tourists. This hut is warmly recommended as touring centre and as training centre for ice technique. Some English spoken; also good French and Romansch, so that a knowledge of Italian would not be wasted. My friend and I spent little over and above the frs. 4 a head per diem, but we received every possible assistance and advice."

The possibility of holding a Meet in Switzerland this summer (for the first time since 1949), based entirely on one of the S.A.C. Huts, is under consideration.

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

Once again, owing to the Swiss rate of exchange, plus the drastic reduction in the currency allowance, we had to content ourselves with a Meet in Austria, and for the third year in succession the Annual Swiss Dinner had to be abandoned which was a very great pity.

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

At home the Association has had another most successful year. It was again possible to arrange a most interesting series of papers, details of which are set out below. Once again we should like to express to the Alpine Club our great appreciation of their kindness in allowing us to hold our meetings in such attractive surroundings. In addition to the ordinary meetings a formal Ladies' Night Dinner was held at the Connaught Rooms on May 28th, at which Mr. H. McArthur repeated his paper on "Mountain Photography." 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 seven members during the past year: Captain C. A. Merriman and Messrs. B. M. Allen, L. St. C. Bartholomew, G. S. Bower, A. T. Hargreaves, G. C. L. Howell and S. J. Picciotto. They will be sadly missed by all who knew them.

Evening Meetings were held at the Alpine Club in January, February, March, April, June, September and October, and the following papers were read. Three of them were illustrated by ordinary lantern slides, three by coloured slides and one by films:—

January 23rd—"The Silvretta Meet" (Messrs. Geo. Starkey and T. J. Fowle).

February 27th—"An Approach to the Pennines" (Mr. T. A. H. Peacocke).

March 26th—"Mountain Photography" (Mr. H. McArthur).

April 23rd—"Rock Climbing in the Bergell" (Mr. V. Umbricht).

June 25th—"The Saas Valley" (Mr. W. Kirstein).

September 24th—"Some Guideless Climbs since the War" (Mr. B. R. Goodfellow).

October 15th—"Walking Round Innsbruck and the Brenner" (Lieut.-Colonel A. E. Tydeman).

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 1953 which was issued in December, and is reprinted elsewhere in this report.

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

During 1952 the Library List was completely re-cast and brought up-to-date, and the new list is published elsewhere in this Report. We are most grateful to the Swiss Foundation for Alpine Research for the gift of a superbly illustrated copy of "Everest, 1952" by André Roch.

We very much regret that Mr. S. de V. Merriman has found it necessary to resign from the post of the Hon. Librarian, which he had held since 1938.

Mr. Merriman has rendered great service to the Association during his long tenure of office—and especially during the War when the Library had to be moved at short notice from the Great Central to the Langham, and from there to a Yorkshire Coal Mine, and finally back to Monument Street at the end of the War. He has been succeeded by Mr. C. J. France.

In recognition of his long service to the Association Mr. Merriman has been made an Honorary Member, and we shall still hope to see him at our Meetings from time to time.

We desire to tender to him our deepest sympathy on the sudden death of his wife last summer. She was a

very popular figure at many of our Meetings, and she will be sadly missed by her many friends in the Association.

We should like to congratulate the Swiss Mount Everest Expedition not only on their two magnificent attempts on the world's highest peak, but also on beating all previous records as regards height. It was a great privilege to many of us to hear from Monsieur André Roch his own stirring account of this great epic and to see his wonderful slides.

We should like to congratulate our Honorary Solicitor, Sir Edwin Herbert, on his election as President of the Alpine Club. We wish him a very successful term of office.

Members will be delighted to hear that the Wastdale Head Hotel has at long last come under new management. Great (and much-needed!) improvements are being made, and the Hotel is now very well spoken of. Furthermore the presence of a good hotel at Wastdale Head has had a very salutary effect on the prices charged elsewhere in the neighbourhood. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Pharaoh every success.

All lovers of the Welsh mountains will be greatly relieved to hear that the British Electricity Authority have decided not to proceed any further with their schemes during the present parliamentary session. Let us hope that they have at long last realised the strength of the opposition to their plans for destroying our national heritage.

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.

The Annual Dinner was held at the Connaught Rooms on Wednesday, November 26th. In the absence of the President through illness the Chair was taken by the Vice-President (Lieut.-Colonel A. E. Tydeman), and 101 Members and Guests were present.

The Guests of the Association were Monsieur Ernest Bircher (First Secretary of the Swiss Legation); Colonel John Hunt, C.B.E., D.S.O. (Alpine Club); Miss D. I. Lee (Ladies' Alpine Club); Monsieur Egmond d'Arcis (International Union of Alpine Associations); Mr. Peter Bicknell (Climbers' Club); Mr. Alan Blackshaw (Oxford University M.C.); Mr. C. R. Simpson (Cambridge University M.C.); Mr D. F. Trowbridge (Imperial College M.C.); Mr H. O. Ernst (Swiss National Tourist Office); Monsieur Charles Seinet (City Swiss Club); and Lieut.-Colonel H. Stuart Townend, O.B.E. (Anglo-Swiss Society).

Mr. H. McArthur, who described himself as an "Aberdonian by marriage," proposed the toast of the "Swiss Confederation" in a very witty speech, in the course of which he quoted extracts from a (second-hand) Guide Book to Switzerland dated 1872; and Monsieur Ernest Bircher made a very charming reply. The Chairman then proposed the toast of "The Association," and in doing so gave a *résumé* of the activities of the past year, and thanked Mr. Starkey for the way in which he had organised the Alpine Meets since the War.

After a short interval Mr J. R. Amphlett proposed the toast of "The Guests and Kindred Clubs," and this was responded to by our old friend Monsieur Egmond

d'Arcis, whom it gave us great pleasure to see amongst us once more, in a very delightful speech. After that Mr. F. R. Crepin proposed the health of the President and the Chairman, and that concluded the proceedings.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS, 1953.

The Hon. Secretaries will be very glad to hear from any members who wish for help in making up parties for the Alps or elsewhere. It is not possible for the Association officials to organise parties outside the official Meet, but they are quite prepared to put members in touch with one another when they can, and this has often been done in the past. The monthly dinners for those who can attend them are, of course, an admirable opportunity for making summer arrangements, and if members who are short of climbing companions will acquaint the Secretaries beforehand, something can often be done by way of introductions at one of the dinners.

It is desirable that communications on this subject should be sent early, not later than the first half of July, as the Secretaries may themselves be away. It is hoped that beginners in particular will avail themselves of the help of the Association in any matters connected with holiday plans *which members are advised to make much earlier than they did before the war*; we have often been able in the past to give advice about guides or districts to enquirers and to suggest plans.

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

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

SUNDAY WALKS.—If members are desirous of arranging a training walk at any time, the officers of the Association will always be very glad to put them in touch with others similarly inclined, whenever possible. Such members should communicate with the Hon. Editor not later than the previous Wednesday. A Club Walk will be arranged on one Sunday a month if there is sufficient demand for it.

INSURANCE AGAINST ACCIDENTS.

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

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

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

The Insurance Company has not denied liability in respect of accidents occurring between the date of issue of the membership card and the date of actual election, and it is not expected that they would do so in future. To be on the safe side, however, members should allow sufficient time (normally seven to eight weeks) for their candidature to be ratified by the particular section before

proceeding to the Alps. Neither the Association nor the Honorary Treasurer can accept any responsibility should the Insurance Company take 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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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, Rosthwaite (Ask police; Tel. Keswick 4)	Capt. S. N. Badrock, for Borrowdale Mountain Rescue Team	Borrowdale 8
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 ..	Grasmere 72
6. The Institute, Coniston (Two rucksacks also in hut at Dow Crag) Ask for Coniston Fell Rescue Party.	Mr. J. C. Appleyard	Coniston 31
7. Gatesgarth Farm, Buttermere	Mr. Richardson ..	Buttermere 6
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	—

<i>North Wales.</i>	<i>Supervisor.</i>	<i>Telephone.</i>
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 ..	To be installed

Mid-Wales.

Kit will be sent by car from :—

The Outward Bound Sea School	Executive Officer, Aberdovey	Aberdovey 105
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Derbyshire.

1. Hope, near Castleton (Neil Robertson stretcher and rucksacks.)	Dr. J. W. W. Baillie	Hope 214
2. Reservoir House, Kinder, Hayfield	Mr. N. Smith ..	New Mills 2145
3. Rifle Range, Crowden	Mrs. E. Fazackerley	Glossop 336

Yorkshire.

1. Police Station, Settle	Ask for Cave Rescue Organisation	
2. Police Station, Grassington.	Ask for Upper Warfedale Fell Rescue Association	

Scotland.

1. Clachaig Hotel, Glencoe	Mr. A. J. MacNiven	Ballachulish 252
2. Alltnafeadh, Glencoe	Mr. Cameron ..	—
3. Police Station, Crianlarich	Officer in Charge ..	Crianlarich 292
4. Glenbrittle House, Isle of Skye	Mr. MacRae ..	Glenbrittle 2
5. Sligachan Hotel, Isle of Skye	Mr. I. S. Campbell .	Sligachan 204
6. Marshall & Pearson, West Highland Garage, Fort William (Tel. 15)	Mr. D. G. Duff, F.R.C.S., at Belford Hospital	Fort William 49
7. The Charles Inglis Clark Hut, Ben Nevis	None	None
8. Lui Beg, Braemar .. (Key at Derry Lodge)	Mr. R. Scott	—
9. Coylumbridge, Aviemore	Mr. Grant, Merchant	Aviemore 220

<i>Scotland—cont.</i>	<i>Supervisor.</i>	<i>Telephone</i>
10. Spittal of Muick, Glenmuick	Mr. J. Robertson ..	—
11. Police Station, Braemar	Officer in Charge ..	Braemar 222
12. Police Station, Arrochar	Officer in Charge ..	Arrochar 22
13. Police Station, Brodick, Arran	Officer in Charge ..	Brodick 100
14. Scottish Youth Hostel, Glen Doll Lodge, Glen Clova	The Warden ..	—
15. Central Police Station, 4, West Bell St., Dundee	Officer in Charge	—

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).

The Glenmore Lodge kit is intended primarily for the use of C.C.P.R. students, but that at Jean's Hut for more general use.

Cornwall.

Count House, Bosigran, nr. St. Ives (Neil Robertson stretcher)	Mr. A. W. Andrews, Treharthen, St. Ives	—
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CATALOGUE OF BOOKS, ETC., IN THE LIBRARY

The Books bequeathed to the Association by Mr. William Bellows, Sir William Ellis, G.B.E., and Lieut.-Colonel J. P. Mead, C.B.E., are indicated by the letters (B), (E) and (M) respectively.

A

- *Above the Snow Line (2 copies).....*Clinton Dent*
 *A Climber in New Zealand.....*Malcolm Ross*
 Across East African Glaciers.....*Meyer*
 (B) Adventures of an Alpine Guide.....*Klucker*
 Adventures of an Alpine Guide.....*Klucker*
 Adventure of Mountains, The.....*Smythe*
 A Fortnight in Switzerland.....*Lamprell*
 A Girl in the Carpathians.....*Muriel Norman*
 *A Lady's Tour Round Monte Rosa.....*Mrs. Cole*
 Alexander Burgener's Book.....*Photographic Reproduction*
 Alpenstock, The.....*Latrobe*
 (E) Alpine Byways (Illustrated).....*Anonymous*
 Alpine Byways.....*A Lady*
 Alpine Days and Nights.....*Kirkpatrick*
 (M) Alpine Days and Nights.....*Kirkpatrick*
 Alpine Ascents and Adventures.....*Schütz Wilson*
 Alpine Climbing, Story of.....*Gribble*
 Alpine Climbing.....*Wedderburn*
 Alpine Flowers and Gardens.....*Flemwell*
 (E) Alpine Memories.....*Javelle*
 Alpine Memories.....*Javelle*
 Alpine Notes and the Climbing Foot.....*Wherry*
 (E) Alpine Passes, The.....*Tyler*
 (B) } Alpine Pilgrimage.....*Kugy*
 (M) }
 Alpine Plants.....*Clark*
 Alpine Portfolio.
 Alpine Regions, The.....*Bonney*
 (E) Alpine Studies.....*Coolidge*
 (M) Alps and Men.....*de Beer*
 (E) Alps and Sanctuaries.....*Butler*
 Alps and Sanctuaries.....*Butler*
 *Alps, The, in 1864. 1867 ed.....*Moore*
 Alps, The, in 1864. 1902 ed.....*Moore*
 Alps, The.....*Berlepsch*
 (E) Alps, The.....*Conway*
 Alps, The.....*Conway*
 (B) Alps, The.....*Irving*
 Alps, The.....*Irving*
 Alps, The.....*Umlauf*
 Alps, The.....*Lunn*

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- Alps, and How to See Them, The..... *Muddock*
 (E) Alps, in Nature and History, The..... *Coolidge*
 Alps from End to End (3 copies)..... *Conway*
 Always a Little Further..... *Borthwick*
 Am Hochgebirge..... *Zsigmondy*
 A Month in Switzerland..... *Zincke*
 An Alpine Journey..... *Smythe*
 Anderegg, Melchior..... *Dübi*
 Annals of Mont Blanc (2 copies)..... *Mathews*
 A Physician's Holiday in Switzerland in 1848 (2 copies)..... *Forbes*
 A Pioneer in the High Alps..... *Tuckett*
 A Pleasure Book of Grindelwald..... *Rhodes*
 Art and Sport of Alpine Photography..... *Gardner*
 Ascent of Mont Blanc Without Guides..... *Hudson and Kennedy*
 (E) Ascent to the Summit of Mont Blanc..... *Barry*
 Ascent of Mount Robson and Other Climbs in 1930..... *Odell*
 Ascent of Mount St. Elias..... *Duke of Abruzzi*
 Ascent of Nandā Devi..... *Tilman*
 (E) Assault of Mount Everest, 1922.
 A Travers Les Alpes..... *Vermodel*
 A Vagabond in the Caucasus..... *Stephen Graham*
 A Walk in the Grisons..... *Zincke*
 (B) A Wayfarer in Bavaria..... *St. Barbe Baker*
 A Wayfarer in the Pyrenees..... *Ronson*

B

- Badminton Library (Mountaineering), 4 copies.
 (E) Beauties of Nature, The..... *Lubbock*
 Below the Snow Line..... *Freshfield*
 Berner Oberland..... *Rother*
 Blank on the Map..... *Shipton*
 Brenva..... *Graham Brown*
 (M) British Mountaineering..... *Benson*
 British Mountaineering..... *Benson*
 (M) British Mountaineers..... *Smythe*
 (E) Building of the Alps, The..... *Bonney*
 Building of the Alps, The..... *Bonney*

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- (B) } Cairngorms, The..... *Alexander*
 (E) }
 (E) Call of the Snowy Hispar..... *Workman*
 Camp Six..... *Smythe*
 (B) Camping in the Canadian Rockies..... *Wilcox*
 (E) Casuals in the Caucasus..... *A. Herbert*
 Century of Swiss Alpine Postal Coaches.
 Central Caucasus and Bashan..... *Freshfield*
 Chamonix..... *Flemwell*

C—*contd.*

- Charm of Switzerland.....*James*
 Château d'Oex.....*Lampen*
 *Christian Almer's Führerbuch.....*Cunningham and Abney*
 Climbing and Exploration in the Bolivian Andes.....*Conway*
 Climbing and Exploration in the Karakoram Mountains
 (2 copies).....*Conway*
 Climbing in Canada.....*Various*
 (M) Climbing in Britain.....*Barford*
 Climbing in the British Isles (England) (2 copies)..*Haskett-Smith*
 Climbing in the British Isles (Wales and Ireland)
 (2 copies).....*Haskett-Smith*
 Climbing in the Dolomites (2 copies).....*Sinigaglia*
 Climbing in the Himalaya (Maps and Reports).....*Conway*
 Climbing in the Himalaya and other Mountain Ranges....*Collie*
 Climbs and Ski Runs.....*Smythe*
 Climbs of Norman Neruda.
 *Climbs in the New Zealand Alps.....*Fitzgerald*
 (B) Climbs on Alpine Peaks.....*Abate Achille Ratti (Pope Pius XI)*
 Climbs on Mont Blanc.....*Lepiney*
 Club Hut Album of the S.A.C., 1911, 1927.
 Complete Mountaineer.....*Abraham*
 Cycling in the Alps.....*Freeston*

D

- Der Berg Meiner Sehnsucht.....*Bellows*
 (B) Der Kampf uns Matterhorn.....*Haensel*
 Derniers Voyages en Zigzag (2 Vols.).....*Topfper*
 Disenchantment.....*Montague*
 Doldenhorn and Weisse Frau.....*Roth*
 Dolomite Mountains.....*Gilbert and Churchill*
 Dolomites, The.....*Farrer*
 Dolomites, The.....*Milner*
 Dolomite Strongholds.....*Davies*

E

- Eagle's Nest, The.....*Wills*
 (E) Eagle's Nest and Excursions among the Great Glaciers....*Wills*
 (M) Early Alpine Guides.....*Clark*
 Early Alpine Guides.....*Clark*
 Early American Ascents in the Alps.....*Thorington*
 Early Mountaineers, The (2 copies).....*Gribble*
 (E) Early Travellers in the Alps (illustrated).....*de Beer*
 Eight Years' Mountaineering and Exploration in the
 Japanese Alps.....*Weston*
 Engadine, The Upper.....*Caviezel*
 English Lakes, The.....*Bradley*
 En Montagne.....*D' Arcis*

E—contd.

- *Epitome of Fifty Years Climbing..... *Wilson*
 Este's Journey in 1793..... *Este*
 Everest, 1933..... *Rutledge*
 *Everest, 1952..... *Roch*
 Everest, the Unfinished Adventure..... *Rutledge*
 (B) Excursions autour du Vignemale..... *Meillon*
 Excursions in the Alps..... *Brockedon*
 Exploration of the Caucasus..... *Freshfield*

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- (F) Fight for Everest, The..... *Norton*
 Figure Skating..... *Yglesias*
 First-Aid to the Injured..... *Bernhard*
 First Crossing of Spitzbergen, The..... *Conway*
 First Ten Years, The..... *Swiss Foundation for Alpine Research*
 *Five Months in the Himalayas..... *Mumm*
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1 10 0	Subscriptions forward, 1951 ..		0 10 0	
31 13 6	Interest, <i>less</i> Tax (<i>£</i> 49 2 3— <i>less</i> <i>£</i> 14 5 0)		34 17 3	
18 9 8	Library Sales		7 11 0	399 7 10
		<i>£</i> 1,581 17 11	<i>£</i> 399 7 10	<i>£</i> 1,981 5 9
1,650 2 8	Accumulated Revenue		1,699 12 9	1,699 12 9
		<i>£</i> 1,581 17 11	<i>£</i> 2,099 0 7	<i>£</i> 3,680 18 6

CHAS. LEHMANN, *Hon. Treasurer.*

Association of British Members of the Swiss Alpine Club

BALANCE SHEET, 31st December, 1952

1951.			LIABILITIES.					
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
932	19	0	Life Membership Account ..	941	7	0		
16	11	9	Sundry Creditors (unpaid cheques) ..	20	8	1		
1,699	12	9	Accumulated Revenue ..	1,703	16	5		

£2,665 11 6

1951.			ASSETS.						
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
722	19	9	Current Account at Bank ..	820	5	9			
188	17	11	Deposit Account at Bank ..	188	17	11			
—			Sundry Account Paid in Advance ..	2	15	0			
—			Remitted to Sections 1953 ..	229	5	10			
1	9	10	Cash in hand ..	0	4	0			
1,721	11	0	Investments at Cost ..				1,241	8	6
							1,424	3	0
							<u>£2,665</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>6</u>

INVESTMENTS.

1951.					
300	0	0	3½% Conversion Stock (£300).		
550	0	0	3% British Transport Stock (£550).		
200	0	0	2½% 1975 Treasury Stock (£200).		
—			4½% Agricultural Loan—£1,000 (£700 Paid).		

LIFE MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
932	19	0	Balance—31st December, 1951	932	19	0		
8	8	0	Collected 1952 ..	8	8	0		
				<u>£941</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>		

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
8	8	0	Collected 1952 ..	8	8	0		
932	19	0	Balance—31st December, 1951	932	19	0		
				<u>£941</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>		

CHAS. LEHMANN, *Hon. Treasurer.*

THE
ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH MEMBERS
OF THE
SWISS ALPINE CLUB

RULES

1. NAME.

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

2. OBJECTS.

The objects of the Association shall be:—

- (a) To encourage British Alpinists to support the Swiss Alpine Club in all its work by becoming members of a Section of that body.
- (b) To collect funds for the building or maintenance of S.A.C. Huts, and for such other purposes as the Committee may from time to time determine.
- (c) To form a body able to present a collective opinion to the S.A.C. on any question of Alpine interest.
- d) To promote among British climbers a spirit of sociability, and in particular to provide a common meeting ground in London or elsewhere.
- (e) To initiate and co-operate in any movement that may tend to increase the membership of the S.A.C. and of this Association.

3. CONSTITUTION.

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

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

The qualification for ordinary membership shall be membership of some section of the S.A.C. The election of Ordinary Members shall be absolutely under the control of the Committee. Honorary Members shall be elected by the Committee at their discretion.

4. SUBSCRIPTION.

The subscription to the Association shall be £1 per annum for Town Members and 10/- per annum for Country Members, the first subscription to be payable at election and subsequent

subscriptions on the 1st January in each year. Any Member whose subscription shall not have been paid on or before the 1st March shall cease to be a Member of the Association, but may be reinstated on payment of arrears at the discretion of the Committee. Any Member joining after the 1st November shall not be required to pay his subscription for the ensuing year.

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

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

5. MEETINGS.

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

6. COMMITTEE.

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

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

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

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

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

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

7. POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE.

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

8. ACCOUNTS.

The Accounts of the Association shall be audited in January and presented by the Hon. Treasurer at the next General Meeting of the Association, and shall be published with the Annual Report.

9. CASUAL VACANCIES.

The Committee shall have power to fill up casual vacancies amongst the Officers or Committee; and those chosen shall serve for the unexpired period of office for which the Members whom they succeed were respectively elected.

10. ROOM FOR MEETINGS AND LIBRARY.

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

11. PUBLICATIONS.

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

12. ALTERATIONS OF RULES.

A General Meeting shall have power, by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the Members present and voting, to alter or add to the existing Rules of the Association.

13. REGULATIONS.

The Committee shall have power to make such regulations, not being inconsistent with these Rules, as they think to be for the well-being of the Association.

14. THE CHAIRMAN.

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

15. RETIRED 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.

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.

LIST OF MEMBERS
of the
Association of British Members
of the
Swiss Alpine Club
(Corrected up to 28th January, 1953.)

*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.*

646 Members, of whom 79 are Life Members, 7 Honorary Members,
105 on Retired List, and 455 Ordinary Members.

HON. MEMBERS.

*(Included in the List of Members.)**The President of the Swiss Alpine Club (ex-officio).*Clarke, M. N., 'AC.' (*Monte Rosa*) (*Hon. Secretary*, 1929-1948.)D'Arcis, Egmond (*Geneva*).De Torrenté, *His Excellency Monsieur, the Swiss Minister.*Graham, Reginald, 'AC.' (*Geneva*) (*Hon. Auditor*, 1915-1922.)Mariétan, Abbé Dr. Ignace. (*Monte Rosa*).Merriman, S. de V., 'AC.' (*Hon. Librarian*, 1939-1952.)

KINDRED CLUBS.

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

Apine Ski Club, Hon. Sec., Wing-Commander K. C. Smith,
Cottesmore Gardens, W.8.Ladies' Alpine Club, Hon. Sec., Mrs. Starkey, 30, Fairholme Road,
Ilford, Essex.American Alpine Club, Hon. Sec., Henry S. Hall, Junior, 154,
Coolidge Hill, Cambridge, Mass., U.S.A.

Cambridge University Mountaineering Club, Cambridge.

Camping Club of Great Britain and Ireland (Mountaineering Section),
Hon. Sec., A. T. Boyson, 38, Grosvenor Gardens, S.W.1.Climbers' Club, Acting Hon. Sec., Kenneth Berrill, St. Catherine's
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Leeds 1.

- Scottish Mountaineering Club, Room 31, Synod Hall, Castle Terrace, Edinburgh.
- South Africa, Mountain Club of, P.O. Box 164, Cape Town, South Africa.
- Wayfarers' Club, Hon. Sec., R. Shaw, Glencoe, Heswall, Cheshire.
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- Ladies' Swiss Alpine Club, President, Frl. Fridy Baumann, Zingentorstrasse 8, Lucerne, Switzerland.
- Himalayan Club, P.O. Box 9094, Park Street Post Office, Calcutta.
- British Mountaineering Council, Hon. Sec., J. A. Stewart, 1, Castelain Road, W.9.

SWISS ALPINE CLUB SECTIONS.

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Other sections on application.

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

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LIST OF OFFICERS
SINCE THE FORMATION OF THE ASSOCIATION

Presidents

1909-1911	Clinton Dent.
1912-1922	A. E. W. Mason.
1923-1926	Dr. H. L. T. Dent.
1927-1930	Brigadier-General The Hon. C. G. Bruce, C.B., M.V.O.
1931-1933	W. M. Roberts, O.B.E.
1934-1936	A. N. Andrews
1937-1945	C. T. Lehmann.
1946-1948	Dr. N. S. Finzi.
1949-51	Gerald Steel, C.B.
1952-	Colonel E. R. Culverwell, M.C.

Vice-Presidents

(from 1948)

1948-1949	Gerald Steel, C.B., and Colonel E. R. Culverwell, M.C.
1949-1950	Colonel E. R. Culverwell, M.C., and Brigadier E. Gueterbock.
1950-1951	Colonel E. R. Culverwell, M.C., Rev. G. H. Lancaster (died April, 1950), and Dr. C. F. Fothergill.
1951-1952	Dr. C. F. Fothergill and Lieut.-Colonel A. E. Tydeman.
1953-	Lieut.-Colonel A. E. Tydeman and J. R. Amphlett.

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- F. R. Crepin and George Starkey.

Honorary Treasurers

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

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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