

THE ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH MEMBERS OF THE SWISS ALPINE CLUB



REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1956

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OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION, 1957

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V. O. COHEN, M.C., (Engelberg) 1955	D. M. CLARKE, (Monte Rosa) 1957
R. A. TYSSEN-GEE, 'A.C.' (Diablerets) 1955	D. G. LAMBLEY, 'A.C.' (Monte Rosa) 1957
W. KIRSTEIN, 'A.C.' (Altels) 1956	F. E. SMITH, (Diablerets) 1957
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ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH MEMBERS

OF THE

SWISS ALPINE CLUB

The Annual Report, Accounts and Balance Sheet for 1956

THE OBJECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION, ETC.

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

Altels	...	...	12	Interlaken	...	...	21
Diablerets	...	...	103	Monte Rosa	...	...	211
Geneva	...	...	65	Oberhasli	...	...	5
Grindelwald	...	...	66	Other Sections	...	...	33

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

NEW MEMBERS

59 new members have joined during the past year, but 7 have died and 79 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, 1956	715
Less Resignations, Deaths, etc., during 1956	86

Total, January 1st, 1957	629
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Of these 88 are Life Members on the Retired List, 20 Retired under Rule 15B, 6 Honorary Members, 466 Ordinary Members and 49 Life Members on the Active List.

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 1fr. 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

A complete list of these is published in " Die Alpen " in February or March of each year. In many cases reductions are as high as 50%. As a rule they apply only to a member and do not include his wife and children. **To obtain these reductions it is absolutely necessary to produce the card of membership when booking.**

Accident Insurance Policy

This covers all members and details will be found on another page. The premium is included in the annual subscription.

Lastly, but not least in importance, all members receive post free a beautifully illustrated publication published under the title of " Die Alpen " or " Les Alpes " which contains articles

of mountaineering and scientific interest in both French and German, occasionally in Italian and Romantsch—and in English if our members will contribute them.

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, 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, with a passport photograph and the necessary subscription and entrance fee. Six to eight weeks should be allowed to complete the formalities. 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.

It is absolutely essential to keep them up to date. This is done by pasting in the gummed slip for the current year which is issued in January and shows that the subscription has been paid. These slips are a different colour each year, and an out-of-date membership card is therefore valueless.

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.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

Mr. F. R. Crepin has been succeeded as President by Mr. Geo. Starkey, and Mr. B. L. Richards has been elected Vice-President in place of Mr. Robert Greg whose term of office has expired. Mr. Crepin was elected as Hon. Vice-President. Mr. Hamish McArthur was elected Hon. Secretary in place of Mr. Starkey.

All the other officers were re-elected.

The following members of the Committee retired, having completed their term of office: Rev. F. L. Jenkins and Messrs. J. G. Broadbent, J. E. L. Clements and R. S. Dadson. The resulting vacancies were filled by the election of Messrs. W. D. Brown (Diablerets), D. M. Clarke (Monte Rosa), D. G. Lambley (Monte Rosa) and F. E. Smith (Diablerets).

In accordance with the provisions of Rule 9 Mr. R. A. Tyssen-Gee (Diablerets) and Mr. W. Kirstein (Altels) were elected to fill the casual vacancies caused by the election of Mr. B. L. Richards as Vice-President and Mr. Hamish McArthur as Hon. Secretary respectively. The remaining members of the Committee were re-elected.

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

The distribution of grants to beneficiaries under this Trust in 1956 has been on practically the same lines as in 1955. 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. McArthur unless otherwise stated ' other communications may be made to either Secretary. Mr. McArthur's telephone number is Richmond 5745 (Private), and Mr. Parker's telephone number is Potters Bar 3792 (Private). Their addresses will be found inside the cover. Notices of Meetings will NOT be sent to Members who have not paid their subscriptions. 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 : Manson House 5587. Resignations must be sent in before December 15th 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

The library is now installed in the basement of the Alpine Club building at 74, South Audley Street, W.1. where the monthly meetings of the Association are held. It will thus be convenient for a large number of members to look at the books before and after meetings and to borrow the two or three which appeal to them. Visits during normal office hours are also permissible, but the S.A.C. membership card must be presented ; the postal service will be continued.

Books should not be retained for more than four to six weeks. In the case of guide books and maps borrowed between February and August return within a fortnight is expected in the interests of the many who may wish to consult them at that time of the year. Contributions to the heavy expenses of the postal service will be welcomed. Books should be returned to the library ; correspondence is best sent to the Hon. Librarian's private address.

Obituary

CHARLES THEODORE LEHMANN
(1874-1956)

In Charles Lehmann we have lost a dear friend and a member, who will probably never be quite replaced. His wonderful liason with the high officials of the S.A.C. was absolutely invaluable to us. The writer twice made, a few weeks after him, official contacts in Switzerland and had ample evidence of the very high esteem in which he was held in that country.

Born of Swiss parents in Lausanne, his family came to England in 1883, when he was aged 9. He told the writer that his father had intended to introduce some of the good Continental foods into this country and found that we were unable to appreciate them, but he founded the firm of R. Lehmann & Co. in 1879 and imported mainly milk products.

Charles went to school in Stratford-on-Avon and to College in Lausanne. The fact that he was tri-lingual has helped the Association very much in its dealings with the S.A.C., not only in language, but in Lehmann's great knowledge of Swiss methods and reactions.

It was originally suggested that he should try to enter the Indian Civil Service, but he went into his father's business, of which he became Chairman and Managing Director in 1900. This was not his only business activity: the writer was surprised in the 1920's to meet him at one of the Physics Exhibitions and learned that he was a Director and Chairman of the Zenith Electrical Co., a firm noted for its excellent products, especially electrical resistances.

He handled our difficult negotiations during the late war with great tact and obtained for us generous terms from the S.A.C., in that, when prevented by our Government from paying our subscriptions, we were regarded as "members on leave," so that only those years were deducted from our years of seniority as veterans, forty-year or fifty-year members; otherwise we should have had to start afresh after the war. Seniority only counts for successive years of membership. No one could have handled these tricky matters better.

He was an original member of our Association. After being Hon. Librarian from 1919 to 1928 he was an invaluable Treasurer from

1926 to 1954. He was elected President for 1937 and continued in office until 1945, and therefore during the difficult period of the war.

During his college days in Lausanne he frequently spent weekends climbing and got to know many peaks in Canton Vaud, especially the peaks of the Dent du Midi, the Diablerets region and those around Chateau d'Oex and Gstaad. His climbing started in 1921 with ascents of the Dent d'Oche and the Dent de Morcles. Most of the years from 1897 to 1913 he climbed in Switzerland or in the Haute Savoie and in 1897 he was not only in Switzerland but he also climbed Table Mountain in South Africa by several routes. In his young days he apparently did a good deal of rock-climbing in this country and he was an early member of the Climbers Club, which he joined in 1902, some three or four years after its formation. After the first World War he only recorded four seasons before 1932 and after that we have no record of his climbs. Owing to his modesty he was rather diffident about joining the Alpine Club, but eventually did so with a large backing by our members. Since the late war he found it difficult to get up to many of the A.C. meetings, but until recently he was a very regular attendant at our own committee meetings. He and A. N. Andrews were the original and, until his death, the only trustees of the Sir William Ellis Trust and he did all the work in connection with this.

His widow has been an invalid for some time, but attended a number of our dinners with him in the past. His daughter also used to come to these until she married and went to live in the Isle of Wight. He also leaves two brothers and a son, who are in his father's firm.

We shall all miss him very much.

N.S.F.

WILFRED JUSTUS FOSTER

(1888-1956)

A member of a well-known Essex family, W. J. Foster was educated at Bancrofts School, Woodford and London University and was called to the Bar in 1915. He was then on the Staff of the Prudential Assurance Company and, when he retired in 1946, was Deputy Controller of the Approved Societies Branch. In his

spare time he did much valuable work as voluntary legal adviser at the East End Dockland Settlement. He also took intense interest in the life, history and tradition of Epping Forest, on the verge of which he lived, and published a book which is by way of being an authority on the district.

His favourite Alpine climbing ground was the Tyrol, to which he returned again and again, but he spent occasional holidays in Switzerland and the Dolomites. After two successful seasons in the Pennines he was elected to the Alpine Club in 1934.

He joined the Association in 1925. He was a very regular attendant at our Meetings, as well as at our Meets and he served several times on the Committee. In his Will he bequeathed £100 to the Association.

After his retirement he continued to go to the mountains, walking and even doing an occasional mild climb, although a serious collapse whilst scrambling in the Lochaber Hills had given warning that his heart was far from sound.

A trip to the foothills of the Himalaya in 1955 was followed by a return to Austria in the early summer of the present year. It was whilst walking up to a hut in the Pitztal that he had a further heart attack, which proved fatal. He is buried in the churchyard at St. Leonhard. He died, and lies amongst the mountains, as I believe he would have wished.

Foster will be remembered, above all, for his kindness and unfailingly equable disposition ; I cannot remember ever seeing him ruffled or put out. We shall for long continue to miss his head of thick white hair (a legacy from World War I) and his cheerful smile.

A.A.G.

ARNOLD UNDERHILL SARPY
(1901-1956)

I knew Arnold Sarpy, perhaps, longer than anybody in the climbing world, as we were at school together, he being some two years my junior.

On leaving school we lost touch with each other until we met again some years later under the auspices of the Association.

Sarpy was in the service of the Westminster Bank Limited and in his younger days was a great runner being connected with South

London Harriers. His other great interest, apart from mountaineering, was the Crusader movement.

Early in the nineteen twenties he became an officer of that movement and latterly was the leader of one of its largest South London Branches where his leadership was noted for its efficiency and wisdom.

As a climber, Arnold was perhaps a follower rather than a leader but he was second to none in his love for mountains and for everything connected with them. So much so that his election to the Alpine Club in 1936 was one of the great moments in his career.

Sarpy was well known in the Association, as he regularly attended climbing meets and evening meetings. In addition he served on the Committee on more than one occasion.

We, in the Association will miss him very much and it is safe to say that he will be missed sorely in many walks of life. What better epitaph could a man have ?

Sarpy married in middle life and our sympathy goes out to the widow, so tragically bereaved after only a short married life.

G.S.

SERGEI DE VESSELITSKY MERRIMAN
(1883-1957)

Sergei de V. Merriman, who died peacefully in the Northampton Hospital on January 8th, 1957, was for many years a member of the Association, and Hon. Librarian from 1939 to 1952.

He was also a member of the Alpine Club and the Royal Geographical Society, and one of his chief pleasures was going to their lectures and other gatherings. His actual climbing was done before his marriage, which took place early in 1914, but between the two world wars, and after the second, he and his wife often spent a summer holiday in Switzerland, generally at the Monte Rosa Hotel at Zermatt. Her death in 1952 was a terrible blow to him, and after it he gave up practically all his former interests, and failing health prevented his keeping in touch with old friends. He settled within easy reach of his younger son, and Michael and his wife and the two grandsons were a cheering feature in his life. During the last year he also had the pleasure of seeing his elder son, who returned to England from a Medical Mission in Peru early in 1956, with his wife and children.

B.McA.

EASTER MEET, 1956

Seven days of blazing sunshine, seven days of blue sky with the hills plain for all to see except where the smoke from burning heather obscured the view, such was the basis of one of the most happy Meets in the history of the Association. A meet which excelled the recent one in Capel Curig and went some way to obliterate the dank memories of Wasdale Head.

We stayed at the Ballachulish Hotel, a most comfortable inn where the lounge overlooks the waters of Loch Leven and where dinner is eaten with the glow of the sun, setting over the mountains of Ardgour in one's eyes.

As usual the party arrived in one's and two's by all possible means of transport. One Hon. Secretary probably created a record by reaching Glasgow by the first aircraft of the day in about seventy-five minutes and spending the next six hours or so in getting from Glasgow to the Hotel.

There was little snow on the mountains in general but north facing slopes and especially the gullies and couloirs had their full quota, usually iron hard and bordered by frozen scree, a trap for the unwary.

On the first day, as a matter of piety, we traversed Ben Vair, up the E. N. E. Ridge to the summit of Sgorr Dhearg then down to the gap and up to Sgorr-Dhonnill. Blazing sunshine and the remains of cornices, shirt sleeves and naps on the top, were the fore runners to a descent through the Forestry Commission's plantations where some judgement and not a little luck are needed to find the way.

On Good Friday we went to Buachaille Etive Mor. The cars were left at Altnafeadh and the party walked across the moor to the Curved Ridge, crossing the foot of the snow filled Crowberry gully en-route. Here lunch was taken and after climbing the ridge and the hard snow behind and above the Crowberry Tower we arrived on the summit to be greeted by Galloway who had walked up after his night journey. The return to the cars was made by the ordinary walking route by half of the party whilst the remainder continued further along the ridge before descending.

About this time Hamish and Millicent McArthur caught up with us having ascended the mountain by our route as a diversion from their journey to Ballachulish by car.

Some of the party who had lively memories of the Aonach Eagach under heavy snow, were eager to traverse the ridge in a snowless year ; so on Saturday we set off to do this. The expedition was carried out in perfect conditions and provided the magnificent spectacle of a well known surgeon taking sun ray treatment for his torso during the whole of the day, at the same time sustaining himself on Kendalmint cake obtained by some form of medical intimidation from a perfect stranger. On the same day the McArthur—Solari combination motored to Fort William and had a grand day on Ben Nevis.

Easter Sunday was, as usual, set aside as an official off day and members made their own arrangements. Some went to Ben Vair, others Bidean nam Bian and elsewhere ; whilst some motored.

For some time the Surgeon had been complaining that he had never succeeded in climbing Bidean nam Bian and he indicated that it was the duty of the Meet to see that he succeeded this time. Accordingly in order to ensure this the whole party, with the exception of the Solaris, who went up Ben Vair before going home, travelled up Glencoe on Monday.

We left the cars beside Loch Achtriochtan and climbed up the steep slopes leading to Coire nam Beith which led, in due course, to the foot of Church Door Buttress. Here two couloirs filled with hard snow presented themselves. Some went up one and some up the other to re-unite on the summit. The day was so glorious that it was quite impossible to contemplate returning by the route of ascent so with one accord we continued eastwards along the ridge to Ben Fhada.

This summit was traversed and we continued in a northerly direction still along the ridge until it was convenient to descend into the " Hidden Valley," that gem of a coirie lying between Ben Fhada and Gearr Aonach, and so to the road.

Such is the bare description of perhaps the most glorious day of the whole Meet ; the glory of which could not in any way be dimmed by the fact that we had to walk nearly two and a half miles down the Glencoe road to get back to our transport.

Tuesday was the last full day of the Meet and most of the party filled it with a leisurely ascent of the Pap of Glencoe with its glorious views down Loch I.even in one direction to Loch Linnhe and up the

Loch to Kinlochleven and the Mamore mountains. On this day one member by dint of considerable persistence managed to get to Kinlochleven by bus and had a glorious day, on his own, climbing Binnein Mor the highest point of the Mamore group.

So the Meet ended. That evening rain set in and when the party left for home the next day they did so to the accompaniment of typical Highland rain.

Those attending the Meet were :—The President and Mrs. Crepin ; Mr. and Mrs. Lambley ; Mr. and Mrs. McArthur ; Mr. and Mrs. Solari ; Mr. and Mrs. Starkey ; Dr. A. W. Barton ; Dr. J. W. Healy ; and Messrs. D. M. Clarke, T. J. Fletcher ; A. A. Galloway and R. C. J. Parker.

The thanks of all is due to those members who brought their cars and generously placed them at the disposal of the party.

G.S.

CLUB NOTES

This year the Annual Report appears in a new form. The reduction in size has been forced upon us by stern necessity—the appalling increase in printing costs since the end of the last war. In 1946 the Report cost £58, and in 1956 the cost had risen to £171—very nearly treble.

In the interests of economy it has been decided not to include the Library List and Rules in the Annual Report in future. These will be published as a separate pamphlet for the use of **new members only**. **Existing members are therefore asked to retain their 1956 Report for reference.** Additions and alterations to the Library List will be published annually in the Hon. Librarian's Report.

The standing matter has been "streamlined." We regret the disappearance of certain traditional features, but we had no option in view of the reduced space now at our disposal. Apart from these changes every effort will be made to maintain the existing standard of the Annual Report. The opportunity has been taken to alter the design of the front cover, and it is thought that the new cover may be considered to be an improvement on the old one.

We should like to express our great appreciation of the splendid service rendered by Messrs. Wyman & Sons Ltd., during the last 20 years and of the unfailing courtesy and co-operation of the head of their printing department, Mr. F. Johnson.

Our new Printers are Poyser Ltd., of Wisbech, and Mr. A. Poyser has been a Member of this Association for many years.

The major mountaineering achievement of the year has been the double ascent of Mount Everest coupled with the first ascent of Lhotse by the Swiss Mount Everest Expedition, to whom we wish to tender our heartiest congratulations on the splendid feat. The President sent a telegram of congratulation to the expedition when the news came through and made suitable references to it at the Ladies' Night Dinner which was held the following week.

Mr. F. R. Crepin has been succeeded as President by Mr. Geo. Starkey. We should like to congratulate Mr. Crepin on a most successful term of Office, and are very glad that he has agreed to become an Hon. Vice-President so that we shall still have the benefit of his advice and assistance. Mr. Starkey has been Hon. Secretary for eight years and during that period has done a tremendous lot of work for the Association. We can therefore be confident that the affairs of the Association are in capable hands. It will fall to the lot of Mr. Starkey to organise our Jubilee Celebrations in 1959, and let us hope that the black storm clouds on the international horizon will have lifted by then. Our new Hon. Secretary is Mr. Hamish McArthur, who is a very popular figure in the Association and has got a good Himalayan Expedition to his credit.

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 would like to express to the Alpine Club our great appreciation of their kindness in allowing us to hold our meetings in such attractive surroundings. A most successful Easter Meet was held at Ballachulish under perfect weather conditions and an account of it will be found elsewhere in this Report. The Annual Dinner, of which details are given on another page, was most successful and was attended by a large number of official guests. The Ladies' Night Dinner on May 30th was again a brilliant function. We were again honoured by the presence of Monsieur and Madame Daeniker and on this occasion, in view of the triumph of the Swiss Mount Everest Expedition the week before, the President proposed the toast of the Swiss Confederation in a suitable speech and the Swiss Minister replied.

After the Dinner Captain H. R. A. Streather gave us a most interesting account of the ascent of Kangchenjunga illustrated by beautiful coloured slides.

We have lost through death seven members during the past year ; Messrs. W. J. Foster, H. C. Haines, C. T. Lehmann, S. de V. Merri-man, H. Runge, A. U. Sarpy and W. S. Sharpe. They will be sadly missed by all who knew them.

Obituary notices of Messrs. Foster, Lehmann, Merriman and Sarpy will be found on another page.

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

January 25th—"Zermatt 1955" (the President and Doctor J. W. Healy).

February 22nd—"The R.A.F. Himalayan Expedition 1955" (Mr. M. Holton).

March 21st—Ten minute papers by Messrs. F. Solari, W. J. Foster, R. A. Tyssen-Gee and A. W. Barton.

April 25th—"Two weeks in the Zillertal" (Mr. D. G. Lambley.)

June 27th—"Modern and Ancient Peru" (Mr. F. F. Leek.)

September 26th—"Some Alpine Traverses" (Mr. R. S. Dadson)

October 17th—"The Mountains of Wyoming" (Mr. F. Solari.)

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 1957 which was issued in December.

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

The Librarian's Report

After a very quiet autumn, interest in the library revived in the New Year, and in the period November 1st, 1955 to October 30th, 1956 thirty-six members borrowed 80 books belonging to the

general section and 41 guide books and maps. It is hoped that the removal of the library to the Alpine Club building where the monthly meetings are held will lead to an appreciable increase in its use.

Additions to our library were less than in the previous year ; they include the following :—

Alpine Club	Alpine Journals Nos. 292 and 293 A. J. Index to Vols. 16-38.
Bern Section, S.A.C.	Guide to Bernese Alps (in German) Vol. V.
C. Evans	On Climbing
A. Desio	Ascent of K 2
M. Herzog	Annapurna (kindly given by Mr. W. H. Boyle).
R. Izzard	The Innocent on Everest (kindly given by Mr. M. N. Clarke).
G. Rebuffat	Starlight and Storm.
F. S. Smythe	The Mountain Vision.
Hermann Geiger	Alpine Pilot (kindly presented by the Author).

As in former years the librarian is again indebted to members for help and donations and to kindred societies for gifts of year books and journals, especially to Mr. T. S. Blakeney of the Alpine Club, to the Fell and Rock Climbing Club, the Ladies' Alpine Club, the Rucksack Club, the Ski Club of Gt. Britain, and the London Office of the Swiss Federal Railways.

An effort is being made to bring our collection of Swiss maps up-to-date, and contributions of maps no longer required but issued after 1945 will be appreciated.

Certain notable books belonging to the Library are still missing, namely : " Approach to the Hills," by *C. F. Meade* ; " Climbing Days," by *Dorothy Pilley* ; " An Alpine Journey," by *F. S. Smythe* ; and the 1936 Edition of *Whymper's* " Scrambles amongst the Alps."

Any information as to the whereabouts of these books would be very welcome.

Die Alpen/Les Alpes

Always striving for perfection our Swiss friends have persuaded themselves that an improvement in the official publication of the S. A. C. is possible and that radical changes should be effected in 1957.

This year there will be only four issues of *Die Alpen* but they will be elaborately produced magazines, each number adorned with a picture in colour and 24 picture pages, and 80 to 104 pages of copy. These journals will be made available in 2 series, one for German-speaking and the other for French-speaking members. British members can, presumably, choose the one or the other by informing the printers and distributors of their preference. If necessary write to Buchdruckerei Stampfli, Bern. In addition to the quarterly journal twelve Bulletins will be sent out, of 32 to 64 pages each, containing the matter published in the former "*Varia*" appendix.

We should like to tender our heartiest congratulations to Sir Edwin Herbert on the award of the K.B.E., and on his election as President of the Law Society ; and also to Viscount Hailsham on his appointment as First Lord of the Admiralty, and now as Minister of Education.

We should like to congratulate Mr. C. Scott-Lindsay on getting his Gold Veteran's Badge, which denotes fifty years' membership of the Swiss Alpine Club. The only two previous holders of this badge in the Association were the late Mr. C. T. Lehmann and the late Mr. H. G. Morrish.

Members will be interested to learn of the formation of " the American Association of Swiss Alpine Club Members " in April, 1956. Our own Association was founded in June 1909 with twenty-six members, and it is interesting to find our American friends following in our footsteps nearly half a century later. Their constitution is actually based on our rules, and we wish them every success. The President is Mr. Roland Gsell of 15, West Thirty-seventh Street, New York.

The attention of Members is drawn to the "Hotel Book." 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 28th. The President was in the chair, and ninety-four members and guests were present.

The guests of the Association were His Excellency the Swiss Minister, and Madam Daeniker; the President of the Alpine Club and Lady Hunt; Miss Una Cameron (President, Ladies' Alpine Club); Mr. Angus Smith (Scottish Mountaineering Club); Mr. B. A. Jillott (President, Oxford University Mountaineering Club); Mr. P. Brazier (President Imperial College Mountaineering Club); Mr. A. K. Rawlinson (Climbers' Club); Mr. C. Gysin (City Swiss Club); Lieut-Colonel H. Stuart Townend, O.B.E. (Chairman, of the Anglo-Swiss Society); Mr. H. O. Ernst and Mr. M. A. Kunz (Swiss National Tourist Office).

Mr. V. O. Cohen proposed the toast of the "Swiss Confederation" and the Swiss Minister made a very charming reply. The President then proposed the toast of "The Association" and covered a wide variety of topics ranging from the Swiss triumph in the Himalayas, to the "holing-out" of Fujiyama by two Americans in 1275 strokes in 10 hours, 50 minutes with the loss of 28 golf balls. He gave a resume of the activities of the past year and wished his successor (Mr. Geo. Starkey) a successful term of office.

After that, Mr. F. Solari proposed the toast of "The Guests and Kindred Clubs" in a very witty speech to which the President of the Alpine Club replied. Finally Mr. H. McArthur proposed the health of the President and President-elect who briefly replied and this concluded the proceedings.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS 1957

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 climbing 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, though, of course, a knowledge of the language is desirable. For those who want to cut down expenses these Section Climbs 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.

INSURANCE AGAINST ACCIDENTS

This covers all members and the premium is included in the annual subscription. It is a contract between the Swiss Alpine Club and the Swiss Insurance Companies, and it 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 and with others 8,000 francs payable at death, or proportionately for permanent disablement. The Insurance covers the Central European Alps, the Jura, Pyrenees, Appenines, Carpathians, Vosges, Black Forest, **England, Scotland and Wales**, but it does not cover Norway, Himalaya, etc.

For the full terms of the contract of Insurance, members should apply to the Honorary Treasurer. See also "Les Alpes" for January, 1957.

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.

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.

The official list of First Aid Posts will be found overleaf.

<i>Lake District</i>	<i>Supervisor</i>	<i>Telephone</i>
1. Wastwater Hotel... ..	Mr. W. Pharaoh	Wasdale Head 1
2. Scawfell Hotel, Rosthwaite	Capt. S. H. Bradrock	Borrowdale 208
3. Police Station, Keswick	Keswick Mountain Rescue Team	Keswick 4
4. Youth Hostel, Gillerthwaite Farm, Ennerdale	Mr. R. S. Hughes	At Angler's 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. A. M. D'aeth Waterhead Farm, Coniston	
7. Gatesgarth Farm, Buttermere	Mr. Richardson	Buttermere 206
8. Outward Bound Mountain School, Eskdale	The Warden	Eskdale 26
9. Sty Head Pass	Keswick Mountain Rescue Team	None
10. Goldrill Youth Hostel, Patterdale	The Warden	Glenridding 203
11. Outward Bound Mountain School, Hallsteads on Ullswater, Watermillock	The Warden	Pooley Bridge 225
 <i>North Wales</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. Briggs	Llanberis 211
4. Quellyn Arms Hotel, Rhyd-ddu	Mr. H. Hughes	Beddgelert 267
 <i>Mid-Wales</i>		
1. The Outward Bound Sea School, Aberdovey (Kit will be sent by car)	Executive Officer	Aberdovey 105
2. Fire Station, Dolgelly (Privately owned kit)	Officer in Charge	
 <i>Derbyshire</i>		
1. Hope, near Castleton (Neil Robertson stretcher and rucksacks) Ring Police at Chapel-en-le-Frith and ask for Derbyshire Cave Rescue Organisation	Dr. J. W. W. Baillie	Hope 214

<i>Derbyshire—cont.</i>	<i>Supervisor</i>	<i>Telephone</i>
2. Reservoir House, Kinder, Hayfield	Mr. Vernon Bennett ...	New Mills 2145
3. Rifle Range, Crowden ...	Mrs. E. Fazackerley ...	Glossop 336
4. Nags Head Hotel, Edale	Mr. F. Heardman ...	Edale 212

Yorkshire

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

Scotland

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| 1. Clacbaig Hotel, Glencoe ... | Mr. A. J. MacNiven ... | Ballachulish 252 |
| 2. Allnafeadh, Glencoe ... | Mr. Cameron ... | |
| 3. Police Station, Crianlarich | Officer in Charge ... | Crianlarich 222 |
| 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, P.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 | Key at Rothiemurchus Estate Office, Aviemore | |
| 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 ... | |
| 16. Scottish Ski Club Hut, Corrie Odnar, Ben Ghlas, Ben Lawers | Mr. McEwen, Park Lodge, Stirling | |
| 17. Gordonstoun School, Altyre House, Forres | Mr. J. M. Ray ... | Forres 2 |

Rescue Kit owned by the Scottish 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 S.C.P.R. students, but that at Jean's Hut for more general use.

Cornwall

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| Count House, Bosigran, nr. St. Ives (Neil Robertson stretcher) | Rear Admiral K. M. Lawder, Brook Cottage, South Zeal, Okehampton |
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RECEIPTS AND for the Year

		RECEIPTS						£ s. d.		
1955	SECTION									
1,587	Subscriptions Received	1,516	12	9
		ASSOCIATION								
342	Subscriptions Received	...	...	...	...	...	...	326	1	11
	Interest Received	...	...	...	...	...	£ s. d. 109 15 8			
	Less Income Tax	...	...	...	...	...	46 13 0			
47	Library Sales	...	...	...	...	...	<u> </u>	63	2	8
1		...	...	...	...	...		2	17	8
57	Balance to accumulated Revenue Account being Surplus of Expenditure over Income during the year	...	...	...	...	...		104	8	7
								<u>£2,013 3 7</u>		
								<u>2,034</u>		

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

(Signed) R. A. TYSSEN-GEE, *Hon. Auditor.*

12th November, 1956.

EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

ending 30th September, 1956

EXPENDITURE

1955		£	s.	d.
	SECTION			
1,554	Remittances to Sections	1,485	6	8
1	Subscriptions returned to members	4	6	10
2	Bank Charges	1	18	0
	ASSOCIATION			
23	Hire of Rooms for Meetings	30	19	0
39	Postage	27	16	11
154	Annual Report	171	0	5
50	Clerical Assistance	50	0	0
9	Insurance	9	9	0
39	Printing and Stationery	49	2	4
114	Library Expenses	137	19	8
20	Entertainment	18	1	6
7	Subscription B.M.C.	7	0	0
3	Corporation Duty	5	5	5
6	Hire of Lantern	5	5	0
8	Sundries	9	12	10
		<u>2,034</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>

Association of British Members of the Swiss Alpine Club

BALANCE SHEET

as at 30th September, 1956.

LIABILITIES AND ACCUMULATED FUNDS				ASSETS					
		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
ACCUMULATED FUND				CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND					
<i>Life Membership Account:</i>				Current Account 495 3 1					
Total as at 1st October, 1955 ... 1,022 4 0				Legacy from Estate of the late Mr. W. J. Foster 100 0 0					
Add Subscriptions received during year to 30th September, 1956 ... 25 4 0				In Hand 4 1 7					
				1,047 8 0				500 4 8	
<i>Accumulated Revenue Account:</i>				<i>Investments at cost</i> 2,230 10 0					
Balance as at 1st October, 1955 ... 1,786 16 0				<i>Investments:</i>					
Less Surplus Expenditure over Income for the year to 30th September, 1956 104 8 7				3½% Conversion Stock 1961 or after £1,000					
				1,682 7 5				3% British Transport Guaranteed Stock 1978/88 £568	
Add Legacy from Estate of late Mr. W. J. Foster 100 0 0				1,782 7 5				2½% Treasury Stock 1975 £200	
				1,782 7 5				4½% Agricultural Mortgage Corporation Debenture Stock 1977/82 £1,000	
				1,782 7 5				Market value at 30th September, 1956 ... £2,028 0 0	
				1,782 7 5				2,230 10 0	
				£2,820 15 5				£2,820 15 6	

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

12th November, 1956,

(Signed) R. A. TYSSÉN-GÉE, Hon. Auditor,

Roll of Honour

1914-1918

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

1939-1945

J. CARR	P. R. P. MIERS
ALAN CLARK	M. R. C. OVERTON
K. W. GRAHAM	G. W. M. SWALLOW
T. C. LARKWORTHY	J. MORIN (<i>Hon. Member</i>)

LIST OF MEMBERS
of the
Association of British Members
of the
Swiss Alpine Club
(Corrected up to 16th January, 1957.)

*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.*

629 Members, of whom 88 are Life Members on the Retired List,
20 Retired under Rule 15b, 6 Honorary Members, 466 Ordinary
Members and 49 Life Members on the Active List.

HON. MEMBERS

(Included in the List of Members).

The President of the Swiss Alpine Club (ex-officio).

Clarke, M. N. 'A.C.' (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., 'A.C.' (Oberhasli).

Mariétan, Abbé Dr. Ignace (Monte Rosa).

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.

American Association of Swiss Alpine Club Members, Hon. Sec-Treasurer, Julien Cornell, Central Valley, New York, 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., A. Blackshaw, Studley, 11 Grosvenor Rd., Muswell Hill, N.W.10.

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., H. Elliott, 158, North Road, Knock, Belfast.

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., C. R. Allen, Lochee, Larkfield Road, Rawdon, Leeds.
 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., Mrs. Bell, 3, Park Place, Clackmannan.
 Ladies' Swiss Alpine Club, President, Frl. Fridy Baumann, Zinggentorstrasse 8, Lucerne, Switzerland.
 Himalayan Club, P.O. Box 9049, Calcutta.
 British Mountaineering Council, Hon. Sec., M. Holton, 46, Meadway Court, Meadway, N.W.11.

Swiss National Tourist Office, 458 Strand, W.C.2.

SWISS ALPINE CLUB SECTIONS

Altels Section : O. Stoller, Bergfuhrer Kandersteg. Subscription £2 14s. 0d. Entrance fee 16s. 8d.
 Bern Section : Haus Baumgartner, Bankbeamter, Zeerlederstrasse 3, Bern. Subscription £3 6s. 0d.
 Bernina Section : P. Pedrun, Silvaplana. Subscription £2 19s. 0d. Entrance fee 11s. 9d.
 Diablerets Section : G. Gentil, Place Chauderon, 26, Lausanne. Subscription £2 13s. 0d. Entrance fee 17s.
 Geneva Section : P. Pidoux, 6, Boulevard du Théâtre, Geneva. Subscription £3 2s. 0d. Entrance fee 8s. 6d.
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 Interlaken Section : F. Stahli, Unionsgasse, Interlaken. Subscription £2 15s. 6d. Entrance fee 17s.
 Monte Rosa Section : E. Levy, Willenweg, Brig. Subscription £2 15s. 0d. Entrance fee 8s. 6d.
 Montreux Section : W. Bonny, "La Cote," Parfiens, Montreux. Subscription £2 12s. 0d.
 Oberhasli Section : Fritz Eschmann, Kaufmann, Meiringen. Subscription £2 19s. 0d. Entrance fee 17s.
 Swiss Alpine Club Central Committee : Ernst Waibel, Vizedirektor, Basle.
 Editor of *Les Alpes*, Professor Edmond Pidoux, Chemin de Boston 5, Lausanne.

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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. 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.
1954-1956	F. R. Crepin.
1957	Geo. Starkey.

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.
1957	Dr. J. W. Healy and B. L. Richards. G.M.

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.
1954–1956	Geo. Starkey and R. C. J. Parker.
1957	R. C. J. Parker and H. McArthur.

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.
1953-1956	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, K.B.E.

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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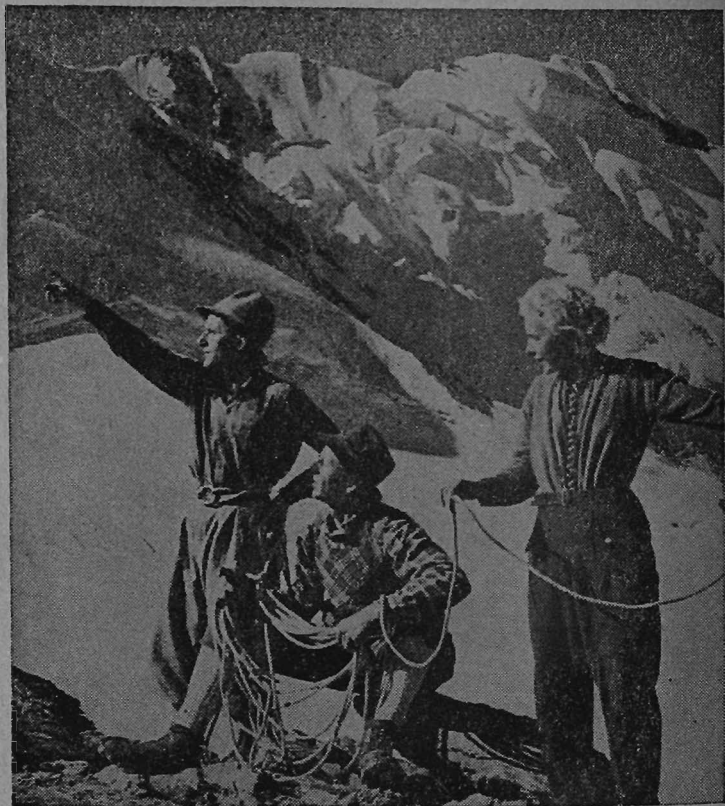
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