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YEAR BOOK FOR 1962 and Report for 1961

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CLUB NOTES.

The Honorary Editor.

This issue of the Association's Yearbook and Report is the last which will be produced by Mr. M. N. Clarke.

The list of officers contained in the Yearbook mentions that the office of Hon. Editor was created in 1949 and records that Mr. Clarke has held the office since that date. There is a note that prior to 1949 the duties of the Hon. Editor were carried out by one of the Hon. Secretaries. What is not stated is that the Hon. Secretary in question was also Mr. Clarke from 1929, i.e. for 20 years before the separate office of Hon. Editor was created. Thus, Mr. Clarke has been editing our Yearbook and Report for no less than 33 years, a most remarkable record.

Each addition of the Yearbook contains far more new matter than is apparent at first sight and a great part of the remainder requires bringing up-to-date annually. Mr. Clarke has not merely collated and revised, he has himself been solely responsible for writing the greater part of the new matter included each year.

The labour of producing the Yearbook commences in the Autumn and proceeds with little respite until the book is issued early in the following year. The Association owes a quite exceptional debt of gratitude to Mr. Clarke for the immense labour which he has undertaken so willingly for such a very long time, and as he is the most modest of men I have directed him to print this note in a prominent place in the Yearbook so that all may know how much his work has been appreciated.

BRYAN L. RICHARDS, *President.*

Again we should like to express our grateful thanks to our good friends at the Swiss National Tourist Office for relieving our Honorary Treasurer of the large amount of work involved in the collection of subscriptions and the enrolment of new members which has become very much more complex since the war.

All our usual activities were well maintained. A very successful Ladies' Night Dinner was held on May 31st at which Captain M. F. R. Jones gave a most interesting account of the Royal Fusiliers Canadian Rocky Mountain Expedition, illustrated by coloured slides. Details of the other functions will be found elsewhere in the Report.

We have lost through death five members during the past year: Colonel R. Daniell and Messrs. Alex B. Horne, R. P. Mears, H. E. Newton and Douglas Side. They will be sadly missed by all who knew them.

Obituary notices of R. P. Mears and Douglas Side will be found on another page.

The Easter Meet was held at the Wastdale Head Hotel, where we were again made very comfortable by Mr. and Mrs. Pharaoh. Sunday and Monday were both fine, but apart from that the weather left much to be desired. In spite of that quite a number of good expeditions were made. The Meet was somewhat marred, however, by an unfortunate accident to Mr. F. W. Schweitzer whose ankle got broken on Easter Sunday by a large boulder which became dislodged on Pillar Mountain. We are happy to say that he has made an excellent recovery.

The Meet was attended by the President, Dr. and Mrs. Barton, Mr. and Mrs. Starkey, Mr. and Mrs. M. Bennett (and son), Mr. Lambley with his two sons, Dr. Healy, Dr. R. Huddy, Dr. Riddell, and Messrs. G. R. E. Brooke, D. M. Clarke, M. N. Clarke, Flook, J. Huddy, Jeudwine, Lintott, Schweitzer and F. E. Smith.

The 1962 Easter Meet will be held at the Grand Hotel, Fort William from April 18th to April 25th, and this will be followed by an extension Meet at Kinlochewe.

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:—

Wednesday, January 25th:

Short talks by members, including an account of the Easter Meet 1960.

Wednesday, February 22nd:

Mustagh Tower. (Mr. I. G. McNaught-Davis).

Wednesday, March 22nd:

Climbs in the Oberland. (Mr. F. W. Schweitzer).

Wednesday, April 26th:

Annapurna II. (Captain R. H. Grant).

Wednesday, June 28th:

1960 Karakoram Expedition. (Mr. Wilfrid Noyce).

Wednesday, September 27th:

Assiniboine Spring. (Mr. Frank Solari).

Wednesday, October 18th:

1960 Greenland Expedition. (Mr. Alan Blackshaw).

We are very much indebted to these members and visitors for making these meetings such a success.

The attention of members is drawn to the List of Meetings for 1962, which was issued in December.

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

The Librarian's Report

Various reasons could be given to explain why comparatively few members take an active interest in the Association's large collection of old and recent Alpine literature, and the librarian would appreciate suggestions how he might stimulate the demand. In 1961 the number of readers dropped to 35. They borrowed 41 general Alpine books, 36 guides, 5 maps, and one or two journals. Many availed themselves of the postal service and, as a rule, contributed handsomely towards defraying the expenses on postage. A reader in Liverpool, for instance, sent a cheque for 10/- and we have had a donation of £4.5.0. from a member in the Cameroons.

The sale of surplus books during the financial year amounted to £9.2.0. Much correspondence was involved, but it was profitable in contrast to letters which had to be written to readers who failed to return guide books within the specified period. The demand for them is keen from February to July and they should not be retained for more than a week or two.

As in previous years the librarian has the pleasure of thanking individuals and societies for books and journals. Captain Jones sent the official report of the expedition to the Northern Rockies about which he wrote in the Year Book for 1961, and Mr. Hutcheson gave us the "Climbing Guide to Dartmoor and S.W. Devon". Mr. M. N. Clarke handed to the library "Come Climbing with me" by R. Clark, a present from Mr. F. Johnson, of Cox & Wyman Ltd. To Mr. T. S. Blakeney we are indebted for those excellent publications, the current issues of the Alpine Journal, and to Mrs. M. Files for the interesting Journal of the F. & R.C.C. We also acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the journals of the Ladies Alpine Club, the Pinnacle Club, the Swiss Frauen Alpenclub and the periodicals of several sections of the S.A.C.

A Short Library List:

NA indicates newly acquired items. The full range of books, guide books, maps and journals up to 1958 will be found in the "Rules and Library List".

Alpine Club	...	Alpine Journal, up to date.
Amery, L. S.	...	Days of Fresh Air. In the Rain and the Sun.
Band, G.	...	Road to Rakaposchi.
Beautiful Highways		The French Alps. NA. The Swiss Alps. NA.
Bell, J. H. B.	...	A Progress in Mountaineering.
Brown, T. G.	...	Brenva.
Buhl, H.	...	Nanga Parbat Pilgrimage.
Benuzzi, F.	...	No Picnic on Mount Kenya.
Busk, D.	...	The Delectable Mountains. NA.
Clark, R.	...	Victorian Mountaineers.
Dyhrenfurth, G. O.		To the Third Pole.
Egger, A.	...	The Everest—Lhotse Adventure.
Evans, C.	...	On Climbing.
Freshfield, Mrs.	...	A Summer Tour in the Grisons. NA.
Harrer, H.	...	The White Spider. NA.
Hilary, Sir Edmund		High Adventure.
Irving, R. L. G.	...	A History of British Mountaineering. The Romance of Mountaineering. Ten Great Mountains.
Klucker, C.	...	Adventures of an Alpine Guide.
Kugy, J.	...	Alpine Pilgrimage.

Lunn, Sir Arnold	...	A Century of Mountaineering. The Bernese Oberland. The Mountains of Youth.
Meade, C. F.	...	Approach to the Hills.
Milner, C. D.	...	The Dolomites. Mont Blanc and the Aiguilles. Rock for Climbing.
Munday, D.		The Unknown Mountain.
Noyce, C. W. F.	...	Mountains and Men. Scholar Mountaineers.
Paynter, T.	...	The Ski and the Mountain.
Pilley, Dorothy	...	Climbing Days.
Rébuffat, G.	...	Starlight and Storm.
S.A.C.	...	Unsere Alpenflora (by Landolt). NA.
Sack, J.	...	The Ascent of Yerupaja.
Smythe, F. S.	...	An Alpine Journey. Climbs in the Canadian Rockies. Climbs and Ski Runs.
Swiss Foundation	...	The Mountain World, 1960/61. NA.
Symonds, J. A.	...	Our Life in the Swiss Highlands. NA.
Tyndale, H. E. G.	...	Mountain Paths.
Tyndall, J.	...	Mountaineering in 1861.
Walker, J. H.	...	Walking in the Alps.
Young, G. Winthrop		Mountains with a Difference. Snowdon Biography.
Maps, all NA	...	Landeskarte der Schweiz: Sustenpass, Wildstrubel, Jungfrau, Mischabel.

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 for their Summer holidays. Contributions to the heavy expenses of the postal service will be welcomed.

Members who have to start their holidays at week-ends during the summer season are warned against the dangers of proceeding to the Channel Ports by local train or car. Far from being allowed to embark on arrival, they will be herded into a "concentration camp" where they will be detained in considerable

discomfort until all the passengers from the Boat Trains have gone on board. Then, if they are lucky, they will be allowed to embark. There have been numerous instances of unfortunate local passengers getting left behind. This warning, of course, does not apply to the Car Ferries.

We much regret to have to report the death of Mr. George Anderson in his 88th year. He was a Member of the Association from 1930 to 1949 and Honorary Librarian from 1933 to 1938. He was Vice-President of the F.&R.C.C. from 1943 to 1945.

We also much regret to have to report the death of Monsieur Raoul de Cintra on November 15th at the age of 69. A former President of the City Swiss Club, he was a very popular figure at our Dinners before the War and he will be sadly missed by many of our older members.

We should like to congratulate Mr. David Pennant on his appointment as the County Court Judge for Shropshire and Mid-Wales.

We should like to congratulate Mr. J. R. Dixon on the award of the Gold Veteran's Badge to mark his 50 years of Membership of the S.A.C.

We would like to draw the attention of members to an exceptionally interesting article about Zermatt which appeared on Pages 243 and 244 of "Les Alpes" for November 1961. It looks as if the solution of the problem of the Hörnli Hut is still as far away as ever.

During the summer a party of Cambridge mountaineers spent two months on Baffin Island, in an area south-east of the Penny Icecap. During the course of the expedition the Cumberland Peninsula was crossed on foot from Broughton Island to Pangnirtung.

The leader was our member Mr. R. E. Langford, and he was accompanied by Messrs. C. W. Barlow, G. F. Bonham-Carter, A. R. Crofts, J. W. Dale and T. A. J. Goodfellow.

In addition to geological and glaciological research five virgin peaks were climbed including Mount Fleming and Mount Battle. The party also attempted Mount Asgard, but were turned back by bad weather 450 feet below the summit.

The attention of members is drawn to the fact that there are a number of English and Welsh Mountain Huts available to B.M.C. Member Clubs. These huts are maintained by mountaineering and climbing clubs who are members of the B.M.C. and who are prepared, if there is room, to make them available to members of other B.M.C. member clubs.

There are four in the Lake District, six in Snowdonia and five in other parts of the country. Accommodation is strictly limited and, in the majority of cases, no blankets are provided. For further details, members interested should apply to the Hon. Secretary of the B.M.C.—Mr. T. H. Sinclair, 107 Abingdon Road, London, W.8.

Members will be very sorry to learn that the valuable fare concessions which we have enjoyed for so long on our S.A.C. cards of membership have now been abolished. We understand, however, that the fares on mountain railways are now calculated on the same basis as the fares on the main lines, so that the nett result will probably be about the same.

Members who make any new ascents or any outstanding or unusual expeditions are invited to send details to the Hon. Editor. Photographs are not necessary.

Members are reminded that not all the Huts in Austria belong to the Austrian Alpine Club. In the Zillertal particularly some of the Huts belong to the German Alpine Club **with which the Swiss Alpine Club has no reciprocal arrangements.**

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.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS 1962

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 for 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 insured 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. Members however, are NOT covered against medical expenses, and to obtain this extra cover an additional premium must be paid.

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 AND FIRST AID.

If information regarding location of rescue posts in Britain and the signs used for communicating with rescuers in the Alps is to be of value, it must be available at the time it is required. For this reason the pages containing this information are now printed so that they can be removed from the Year Book and taken on climbs if desired.

Members climbing in Britain are strongly recommended to obtain a copy of the Mountain Rescue Committee's handbook from the Secretary, Mountain Rescue Committee, Hill House, Cheadle Hulme, Stockport, Cheshire. This book contains most valuable information on how to deal with an accident. It also contains a full list of all rescue posts in Britain; owing to limitations of space the tear out section of our own Year Book contains only an abbreviated list.

Obituary

DOUGLAS SIDE.

(1896—1961)

Douglas Side died on 16th February, 1961, only a short time after the start of what promised to be an active and interesting retirement. He was an economist and a banker by profession and had served for many years with the Midland Bank.

He had seen active service in two world wars, and between them had built up a great wealth of mountain knowledge and experience. A precise history of his movements would be difficult to trace but they are extensive. Possibly his interest in mountains had been aroused when he was at Grenoble University. Certainly in those days he climbed in the French Alps. The Alps, as well as our home mountains he knew well and visited them year after year, Swiss, Italian and French. He had been in the Pyrenees, in Corsica and the Dolomites, usually climbing with his wife, formerly Margaret Boothroyd whom he married in 1932. During the second world war he instructed in various mountain warfare schools at home, in the Lebanon and in Italy and after the war he continued to climb with unfailing enthusiasm. Enthusiasm was one of the marks of his character. He joined this association in 1947 and the Alpine Club in 1937, as well as the Fell and Rock, the Wayfarers and the Mountaineering Section of the Camping Club. He served each as if it was his own particular club. He was the Wayfarers' representative on the British Mountaineering Council and he served on the Joint Himalayan Committee and later on the Mount Everest Foundation.

So much for his record; but perhaps it will not be for his record that we shall remember him. Douglas was above all a personality and a friend. I met him first in the Lebanon Mountains where we were instructors together for a year. During the better part of one summer we shared a tent and from time to time in the winter a snow-hole. One gets to know people pretty well under such circumstances. He was nearly 20 years my senior and in fact much older than most of us. On the mountain he was as young as any. Off duty his interests were remarkably wide and he could contribute usefully to a discussion on almost

any subject. At this time he was taking a particular interest in local history and archeology and in a leave of only two weeks he managed to visit both Petra and Palmyra, hitch-hiking on trucks and hiring camels. No mean feat under war time conditions! It was his ambition to visit all the major Crusader castles. I don't know if he ever achieved it but he certainly visited a great many. I visited those at Tripoli and Byblos with him myself as well as older sites such as Afqa and El Yamone. He was always a great source of information which he generously said had been fed to him in a series of letters from his wife who looked everything up for him at home.

Last summer, when in an emergency younger men had failed me, he came to my rescue at short notice to look after a large party of boy scouts on Harrisons Rocks. When I was driving him home he mentioned that he was just out of hospital. Most people would have mentioned it before. Of all those I had asked for help, I am sure he had had the best reason for being unable to come, but it was he who did come. I would not have expected it otherwise.

I.H.O.

May I add this personal note on my old friend Douglas Side.

I first met Douglas Side in the early nineteen thirties, and climbed with him on and off from that time until a year or two before his death on 16th February, 1961. I particularly remember traversing the Moine by the South West and North Ridges with him and Margaret Side at a date well before the war, when these ridges were still seldom followed. For two or three years after the war I was rather cut off from British climbing by a period of work in Berlin, but after my return to England he and I took to climbing together in the Alps, and ultimately we were together each year, alone or with others, until illness overtook him. We were over these years in Zermatt, Saas Fee, the Oberland, Chamonix, the Italian Alps and other places as well.

Douglas Side was a fine mountaineer, and a wonderful companion. He had a capacity for dry humour which was singularly welcome in the High Alps, and a toleration for the weaknesses of his friends which was matched only by the rigid standards he set for himself. For Douglas Side was a man of firm principles, and

lived up to these principles without seemingly expecting others to do so. His reliability as a mountaineer was well known, and evidenced by his activities in training young climbers and as Honorary Secretary of the Mount Everest Foundation. He had the attribute often possessed by good climbers that one could not tell by watching him climb whether he was at a difficult step or not, and this certainty of approach was characteristic of his personality.

My own best recollection of him, one of many, was on the Wildelsigen Ridge of the Balmhorn in 1956. He and I set out from the hut along with two other parties, one a Swiss guide and his client and the other two young English climbers. The other two parties soon went ahead, but in the middle of the morning a blizzard fell upon us and turned the day to the worst I have ever spent on a mountain. The Swiss guide and his companion struggled over the summit, and the two English lads were never seen again, though Douglas Side and I spent several subsequent days in contact with the Kandersteg police and the British Consul in Berne to establish the unsuccessful search parties. Douglas and I turned back, and took six hours to climb down seven or eight hundred feet of the open rocky couloir sheeting with rain and sleet and with hardly a belay. I remember that at its foot I muttered that it had been an even chance, but characteristically he turned in surprise and bleakly replied that he had never been in any doubt, except that he had been pleased at the absence of falling stones.

His loss is a source of grief to his friends, and we shall remember him with gratitude.

C.G.W.

ROBERT PEEL MEARS.

(1884—1961)

The Association has suffered a severe loss in the death of Robert Peel Mears on the 25th November, 1961, at the age of 77. He was a great-nephew of Sir Robert Peel, the founder of the Metropolitan Police, and he was educated at Westminster and Trinity College, Cambridge. A civil engineer by profession, he worked for many years in India where he specialised in bridge building, but eventually the climate undermined his health and he returned to England in 1932. For the next 22 years he held an appointment with the well known firm of Rendel Palmer & Tritton, and he played a prominent part in the construction of the great bridge over the Neath Estuary in South Wales. He was a very keen Member of the Institute of Civil Engineers, and he read a number of papers at their meetings which were very highly thought of in the engineering world. He retired in 1954. He had, however, been a very hard worker all his life; and after a few months, finding that time was hanging somewhat heavily on his hands, he took an appointment with another firm of engineers and finally retired in 1959.

He joined the Association in 1927 and served more than once on the Committee. He was also a member of the Alpine Club. He was a regular attendant at our monthly meetings before the war. He was an expert on climbing ropes and did a lot of research work on rope testing in all its aspects for the British Mountaineering Council. Many members will still remember the illuminating paper on "One Hundred Cases of Rope Breakage in Climbing" which he read to the Association in March 1954. He and his wife, who were both very popular figures at our Easter Meets and Ladies' Night Dinners before the war, were very enthusiastic and energetic country walkers. The writer had the privilege of going out with them in all weathers on most Sundays during the year, as well as on several unforgettable Whitsuntide week ends to more distant parts of the country. They were charming companions.

Of a somewhat shy and reserved disposition, he had, nevertheless, a dry sense of humour. On the rare occasions when he could be prevailed upon to make a speech at a Dinner it was always extremely witty and very much to the point. He was a very hard worker all his life, and extremely scrupulous and conscientious in everything that he did. He always set himself a very high standard

and expected the same of others, but he always practised what he preached. He will be sadly missed, and we should like to tender to his widow our deepest sympathy in her irreparable loss.

M.N.C.

JOHN DAGG and PETER GRYLLES.

John Dagg, who joined the Association in 1960, and Peter Grylls, who joined in the following year, were students at Imperial College. The College Mountaineering Club organised a climbing meet based on the Albert Heim Hut, in which our two young friends were participants. With another member of the party they set out to climb the Galenstock but failed to return.

Many climbing accidents occur through causes which could and should have been prevented. In this case the meet was in the hands of capable climbers, several of whom had been climbing in the same district the previous year and the climb undertaken should have been well within the capacity of the party. It is extremely sad when such a tragic accident occurs in these circumstances and the sincere sympathy of the Association goes to the parents of these two young men and to their fellow members of the Imperial College Mountaineering Club with which our Association has a particularly friendly relationship.

B.L.R.

THE SUMMER MEET.

The second "Social Meet" since the War was held at the Hotel Schweizerhof, Kandersteg, from August 3rd to August 17th. The Seven Alpine Meets which were held from 1947 to 1954 were very highly organised climbing Meets where the social side was rather relegated to the background. With the easing of the currency regulations in 1955 it was felt that these were no longer necessary and that members would probably prefer to make up their own parties. At the same time it was felt that the Swiss Dinner, which had been so successful before the War, should be revived and combined with a Social Meet at which one of the officers of the Association would act in an "advisory" capacity and assist members to make up climbing parties. This system proved to be an outstanding success at the Jubilee Meet at Saas-Fée, and this Meet was therefore organised on similar lines.

Our Swiss Dinners had been held in Kandersteg in 1931, 1935 and 1938, so that Herr Trog is an old friend of the Association. The excellence of the Hotel Schweizerhof is well known and our members were not disappointed. The weather was good the first week but bad the second, and a lot of climbing was done, the details of which are set out below.

The "Kurverein" are to be congratulated on the construction of a magnificent scenic terrace walk from Hohtenn to Lalden giving superb views of the Rhone Valley and the mountains beyond. For part of its length it is beautifully wooded and fine views are to be had of the Bietschtal and the Baltschiederthal. Those of our members who did it enjoyed it thoroughly, and it is certainly to be strongly recommended for an off-day.

The following is the list of those who attended the Meet:—

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Richards, Miss Dorothy Manasseh, Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Barton, Mr. Stephen Shaw and Mr. Robin Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. G. Starkey, Mr. D. G. Lambley and Master Julian Lambley, Mr. and Mrs. M. Bennett and Master David Bennett, Mr. M. N. Clarke, Mr. H. Flook, Mr. R. C. J. Parker, Mr. E. E. Taylor, Mr. Eric Thompson, Dr. McGillivray, Mr. and Mrs. Noel Peskett, Mr. and Mrs. H. Noake and Master John Noake, Dr. J. W. Healy, Mr. John E. Jesson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Broadbent, Mr. J. Watmore, Mr. R. W. Jones, Mr. F. E. Smith and Miss P. Timson, Mr. J. H. Cranmer, Mr. J. M. Bickford, Mr. H. Day.

Everyone attended the Dinner with the exception of a few who had to go home beforehand, so that the attendance was very gratifying. In addition the following came up specially for the Dinner:—Monsieur and Madame Egmond d'Arcis, Mrs. Lambley, Miss B. G. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. W. Kirstein and Mr. and Mrs. P. Kirstein. We were also very glad to welcome Herr Hans Stoller, who was one of the best known Guides in Kandersteg before the war.

An excellent meal was served and then, after a short speech of welcome by the President, there were two delightful speeches by Monsieur Egmond d'Arcis and Herr Trog. It was certainly a most enjoyable evening, and we are greatly indebted to Mr. Bennett for the highly successful outcome of both the Dinner and the Meet.

There is not the slightest doubt as to the popularity of this type of Meet, and the present intention is to hold them in alternate years. The next Summer Meet will therefore be held, all being well, in 1963.

LIST OF CLIMBS IN THE OBERLAND BY MEMBERS ATTENDING THE MEET.

- GROSSE RINDERHORN** (3 Ropes)
 (1) R. W. Jones and J. Jesson.
 (2) J. Cranmer, J. Bickford and H. Day.
 (3) D. G. Lambley, J. Lambley and Miss G. Palmer (with Oskar Ogi).
- WEISSE FRAU** (3 Ropes)
 (1) M. Bennett, J. Jesson and H. Flook (with Fritz Ogi).
 (2) N. Peskett, Mrs. Peskett and R. W. Jones (with Adolf Jusi.)
 (3) J. Cranmer, J. Bickford and H. Day.
- MORGENHORN AND WEISSE FRAU TRAVERSE** (1 Rope)
 D. G. Lambley, J. Lambley and E. E. T. Taylor (with Oskar Ogi).
- THE JUNGFRAU** (2 Ropes)
 (1) M. Bennett and Hans Almer.
 (2) D. G. Lambley and J. Lambley (with Oscar Ogi).
- THE MONCH** (1 Rope)
 E. E. T. Taylor and E. Thompson (with Hans Almer).
- THE EIGER** (1 Rope)
 D. G. Lambley and J. Lambley (with Oscar Ogi).

- THE BLUMLISALPHORN** (1 Rope)
 D. G. Lambley and J. Lambley (with Oscar Ogi).
- THE WILDE FRAU** (2 Ropes)
 (1) H. Noake, Mrs. Noake and J. Noake (with Gottfried Brugger).
 (2) J. Cranmer, J. Bickford and H. Day.
- THE FRUNDENHORN** (5 Ropes)
 (1) Dr. A. W. Barton and Mrs. Barton (with Gottfried Brugger).
 (2) R. Shaw and S. Shaw (with Christian Kunzi).
 (3) H. Noake, M. Bennett and H. Flook (with Gottfried Brugger).
 (4) N. Peskett, Mrs. Peskett and F. E. Smith (with Adolf Jusi).
 (5) J. Jesson, J. Noake and R. W. Jones (with Christian Kunzi).
- THE TSCHINGELHORN** (2 Ropes)
 (1) J. Watmore, E. E. T. Taylor and Dr. McGillivray.
 (2) R. W. Jones and J. Jesson.
- THE GROSSE LOHNER, BY WESTGRAT** (3 Ropes)
 (1) Dr. A. W. Barton and Mrs. Barton (with Gottfried Brugger).
 (2) R. Shaw and S. Shaw (with Christian Kunzi).
 (3) J. Cranmer, J. Bickford and H. Day.
- WILDSTRUBEL** (1 Rope)
 H. Noake, Mrs. Noake and J. Noake (with Gottfried Brugger).
- UESCHINENGRAT** (2 Ropes)
 (1) D. G. Lambley, J. Lambley, E. E. T. Taylor and E. Thompson (with Oskar Ogi).
 (2) Mr. and Mrs. George Starkey.

CLIMBING AND EXPEDITIONS IN 1961.

- MR. W. R. JEUDWINE:** Reichengebirge (Austria), Reichenspitze: Zillerspitzte: Richterspitzte: Zillerplattenspitzte. All very easy.
- MR. F. E. SMITH:** Climbing in Wales and the Lake District. Kandersteg: Löttschen Pass (with H. Flook); Frundenhorn (with Adolf Jusi); Gellihorn (with P. Timson). Zermatt: Mettelhorn; Ober and Unter Rothorn (with P. Timson); Zinal Rothorn by Rothorngrat; Matterhorn traverse by the Zmutt and Italian

ridges, returning the same day to Zermatt over the Furgg Grat (with Gottlieb Perren).

MR. D. G. LAMBLEY: Winter climbing in North Wales.

IRELAND (with T. A. Thorpe and L. B. Baillon): From Lough Acoose, Been Keragh (3,314 ft.), Carrantouhill (3,414 ft.), Caher (3,200 ft.); Traverse of Mc. Gillicuddy Reeks, excluding the Horseshoe, from N.E. to S.W. (rope necessary between first two summits); Mount Brandon (3,127 ft.) and Traverse of Brandon Peak (2,764 ft.); Ascent of three of the Twelve Pins of Connemara, including Ben Collaghduff (2,290 ft.).

WASTDALE: Various climbs with the Easter Meet.

SWITZERLAND: Climbing in the Oberland—see the account of the Summer Meet.

Climbing on the Harborough Rocks and in Derbyshire.

MR. A. R. FISHER AND MR. D. J. LINTOTT with Messrs. P. Beasley and M. Brummit of the Guy's Hospital Mountaineering Club (guideless). Zermatt: Breithorn; Rimpfischorn; Attempt on Zinal Rothorn (turned back because of snow conditions); Wellenkuppe; Matterhorn; Monte Rosa—from Rosahütte via Silbersattel.

MR. L. H. HURST (solo). Dolomites: Colle di Zube; Passo di Coppa; Passo della Pioda; Passo dell' Uomo. (More interesting alternative to the dull Col d'Olen); Punta Telcio (fine views and very easy).

MR. W. KIRSTEIN. Switzerland: Piz Tschierva (ski); Rothorngrat; Zinal Rothorn; Weisse Frau.

COMMANDER C. J. W. SIMPSON AND REV. F. L. JENKINS.

Switzerland: Attempt on Salbitschyn in bad weather; Piz Morteratsch; Cresta Boval and Tschierva; traverse of Piz Bernina by Ostgrat and Spallagrät; Piz Roseg by Eselgrat; Piz Bernina by Biancogrät.

Austria: Rev. F. L. Jenkins led a party of 12 soldiers over the Zuckerhütl in the Stubai Alps.

MR. F. D. SMITH (with Messrs. M. Adamson, C. R. Allen, W. Caldwell, D. W. Stemberge and F. Wilkinson—guideless).

Saas-Fée: Fletschorn (first ascent of Season); Traverse of Laquinhorn; Weissmies; Allalinhorn; Traverse of Rimpfischorn (first ascent of Season); Mischabelhütte to Domhütte, including Lenzspitze and part of Nadelhorn (caught in snowstorm).

DR. G. B. MCGILLIVRAY (guideless, unless otherwise stated).

Switzerland: Mettelhorn; Strahlhorn; Matterhorn to Solvay, with guide (snowing); Monte Rosa (Dufourspitze), with guide; Lötschenpass (solo); Tschingelhorn.

MR. L. C. GOODEY.

Chamonix: Aiguille de l'M by N.N.E. Ridge; Mer de Glace face of the Grépon from Refuge d'Envers des Aiguilles (first ascent of Season); Attempt on Mont Blanc via Aiguille de Gouter (weather bound at Gouter Hut for three nights).

Switzerland: Laquinhorn, West Ridge (first ascent of Season); Weissmies, S.W. Ridge; Matterhorn.

MR. MICHAEL MITCHELL and MR. R. M. WILKINSON (guideless).
Switzerland: Sparrhorn; Gross Fusshorn; Rostock; Oberland Weisshorn; Aletschorn.

MR. A. F. GUETERBOCK: Spring and Summer Climbing.

Bergell (with P. N. Garrard and Hermann Zuber (guide): Piz Casnile, S. Ridge; Cima di Rosso; Monte del Forno; Cima Castello to Albigna Hut; South Cacciabella Pass; Sciora Hut to Bondo; Piz Palu.

Austria (with M. J. Payne): Grossglockner from Hoffmann's Hut; Berlinerspitze, S. Ridge; Zsygmundespitze, S. Ridge; Schonbischlerhorn.

Bergell (with M. J. Payne and a very bad guide): Monte Forno (guideless); Largo and Bacone, N. Ridge; traverse of Punta Rasica; Vazzeda and traverse of Cima di Rosso; Torrone Orientale; Piz Casnile, E. Ridge.

Cambridge Arctic Canada Expedition, 1961. See page 6.

The following climbs were done in the Toubkal massif of the Atlas Mountains, during September 1961. They were performed solo, since my companion Len Frank succumbed to an insect bite and dysentery. During September, however, owing to the dryness, it is possible to cover a lot of ground in a day.

1. S.E. Ridge of Afella n Ouanokrim (4,043 m). On along ridge of gendarmes, over the 'Clochetons' to Biigunoussene (4,002 m.) Tadat (a 30 metre pinnacle, 3,837 m) by 4 routes, one severe. On to Aguelzim (3,770 m) and descend by its north ridge and some more (?) undiscovered towers.
2. Tadaft (3,900 m). Ascent by N.E. Ridge (mild severe with one rappel). Descent by W. Face, rappels. Up the twin peaks of bou Imrhaz (4,030 m) down S.E. Ridge. Up N.W. Ridge of Timesguida n Ouanoukrim (4,089 m). Over to Tizi n Ouanoums (a pass) and thence up Toubkal Arete. The summit of Toubkal (4,165 m) having been reached two days earlier by the ordinary slog, it was not thought necessary to go beyond Toubkal West, where the routes join. Finished the day at Lake of Ifni.
3. Iguenouane (3,875 m) by W. Ridge and Towers.
4. Aksoual (3,910 m) by N. Face. This I think was a new route, unintentionally. One starts up the obvious ravine directly below and as for the main summit, then goes out left up the most compact and obvious triangular buttress of the whole face. About 500 or 600 ft. about V. Diff. A long continuation brings one out on the summit ridge some way left of the Aksoual summit, at a point called Tazegzaout n Louah. A pleasant walk to the top.

I continued over the Towers of Aksoual to Azrou n Tamadout (3,860 m). The towers, though impressive and graded 'difficile' are no more than very mild V. Diff.

5. Anrhemer (3,893 m), up W. Ridge, down N.E. Ridge.

I also traversed Anngour (3,616 m) and Biigunoussene from W. to E. with a local man, but I found him inexperienced on rock and decided that it was safer to go alone.

W.N.

(The following article is a translation of an original article by Monsieur C. EGMOND d'ARCIS, which was published in 'Les Alpes' June 1961).

PROTECTING THE MOUNTAINS.

Each one of us loves the mountains and mountaineering for different reasons, and I am sure that you are all deeply grateful to the mountains for having given you so much joy or—if you are past the age for great climbs—so many imperishable memories.

You have the satisfaction of having climbed peaks in particularly difficult conditions and of having thus been able to measure your strength against the forces of nature. You have brought back from those heights memories of magnificent scenery, and I am sure that you have found it most interesting to meet mountain people and exchange ideas with them, and to study the alpine flora and fauna. Perhaps you have also found in the mountains a refuge from the turmoil and the noise of the world, where you have been able in the calm of the solitude to raise your thoughts away from the earth. It is because of all that that you are grateful to the mountains, and that gives you a duty towards them. You have the duty to protect them against the elements, the depredations of man, the abuses of commercialisation, for, if you think of it, the mountains are being badly ill-treated, and I should like to give you a few examples.

Let us perhaps leave aside the cableways, funiculars and other mechanical means of transport, which certainly disfigure some of the finest mountain regions but which raise such a lot of problems, touching so many different interests, that they could make the subject of a special study.

Let us observe, however, that they are responsible for bringing crowds of all kinds of people to places which in the old days were the preserve of mountaineers, and that these undisciplined crowds, who know nothing of the mountains, often behave there as if they were in town or, even worse, on some fairground. It is not entirely their fault: these people are ignorant and one should educate them; in other words, make them become familiar with the usages of the mountains.

Then there are the motor vehicles which now penetrate to the upper reaches of the alpine valleys and even climb up the mountains. It is not only the noise they make which is intolerable and which disturb the peace of nature in the Alps. There are also the fumes they emit. Indeed one cannot overlook the bad effect that combustion gases can have where motor vehicles conglomerate. At the end of a valley in Poland where people fond of walking or camping used to flock because of its particularly pure air it was found that on certain days so much harmful gas accumulated that the air became literally poisonous. A remedy was found: so that those who came to walk should be able to breathe freely, all motor traffic was made to stop several kilometres from the top of the valley, and since then the air has become fresh again.

One might add that motorists and motor-cyclists, who were at first opposed to this measure, have now understood its importance and no longer grumble about having to walk a bit to enjoy the salubrity and the tranquility of the spot. Is this not an example that might be followed elsewhere?

Industry, after coming nearer the foot of the mountains to exploit hydro-electric power, is gradually creeping up the higher valleys, and you will be able to think of more than one place in the alpine regions where industry has already done its worst. In the Rhone, the Tessin and the Adige valleys, the fields, the forests, the villages even are night and day enveloped in heavy clouds emanating from chemical works, and if in certain places these discharges have been rendered inoffensive, or nearly so, in others the vegetation and the animals are seen to suffer from this state of things.

Among the industries which spoil alpine nature, electrical plants are certainly the worst culprits, and the damage they cause are of very different kinds.

There are, of course, the pylons and high-tension cables which ruthlessly run across forests and mountain ranges. There are the dams which very often completely spoil a view which an artificial lake might have made more picturesque. There are all the changes that the valleys have undergone because of the damming of torrents and the diversion of their waters to other valleys. A few examples will show you what I mean:

In the Italian Alps, east of the Simplon, the Tosa Cascade was so beautiful and majestic, with its water bounding over a high rocky slab, that a great number of cars went up there every day, bringing tourists who found a hotel providing food and shelter. The torrent was dammed. The cascade, despite all the efforts of the Italian Alpine Club, was reduced to a mean little stream. Faced however with a determined reaction from Italian mountain lovers and the necessity to preserve the hotel's livelihood, the electrical enterprise undertook to channel water into the cascade for a few hours to coincide with the arrival of the daily coach service. When the tourists had gone, they turned off the tap and the cascade disappeared. Then the electrical company managed to buy the hotel; tourists became less numerous, and I believe that now the tap of the cascade is no longer turned on for even those few hours.

In Switzerland, all the torrents from the glaciers round Zermatt have been dammed and their waters, diverted through tunnels, are carried away to feed the storage lakes of Grande-Dixence. The flow of the Viège itself will be considerably reduced, and one cannot help but wonder what will happen in summer to the enormous volume of refuse that Zermatt discharges every day into a river which will no longer be strong enough to wash everything away. Lower down in the valley, where more water will be channelled off from different spots, the Viège will become a narrow little stream, and one wonders what will happen to the forests, the plants and all the animals which thrive in this valley because of the moisture from the river.

It will be the same in the Saas valley, where, as a result of the building of dams for hydro-electric schemes, the flow of the river will diminish and, even though these works will bring back to life the once dried-up Mattmark Lake, they will engulf the famous Blue Stone, that gigantic primeval rock well known to all geologists. The fauna and the flora will suffer in the upper valley as far as Grund, but it is emphatically asserted that the stream will keep a sufficient flow for the needs of the area. That remains to be seen.

By drying up certain rivers or considerably reducing their flow the dams create new dangers. Here are three typical examples:

In Switzerland, in the Bagnes Valley, the Dranse has been so impoverished by the Mauvoisin Dam that the rubbish dump of Vollèges, which has been growing rapidly, is now blocking the Dranse.

Lower down in the valley the existence of another dam so weakens the Dranse that it can no longer carry away the material torn from the mountain by another stream. Result: formation of an obstruction, which has twice already caused the Great St. Bernard Road to be cut by floods. The irony is that water must now from time to time be let out from the dam to enable the river to get rid of all the waste material that clogs it up.

A similar case in the Rhone Valley: Near Loèche, the Illgraben torrent constantly brings down masses of stones and gravel which up to now the river had been able to sweep away, although none too easily. Now that the Viège, one of the Rhône's big tributaries, has been partly deprived of water through diversion to the Grand-Dixence storage lake, the Rhône no longer has sufficient strength to get rid of the Illbraben discharge. There too the flow of the river will have to be increased if the situation is not to become catastrophic.

More examples could be found, but these will be enough to show the importance of the battle that must be fought to defend the mountains.

How should one proceed?

First of all the governments must take defensive and protective measures through legislation. Some of them do so. Not all of them and not always; and here it is up to the alpine associations to take action. Their role is twofold: First, they must take steps to induce governments to introduce protective measures, which vested interests sometimes prevent them from initiating. What can one say, for instance, of the Riffelberg Hotel, property of the Zermatt Commune, which for years has been embellishing the mountain by casting out on its slope all the empty tins and other kitchen refuse, which in some places rolled right down to the path? On the other hand, one can have nothing but praise for a certain Lucerne association, whose members devote one week-end each spring to thoroughly cleaning up all the slopes of Mount Pilatus and to making good the paths, the fences and the walls.

It was also a great and wonderful deed on the part of the Swiss Society for the Protection of Nature to rid the summit of the Rigi of the buildings which defaced it and to replace them by an inn in the local style.

The alpine associations in all countries should closely collaborate with the organisations for the protection of nature. They should also collaborate with governments, insisting for instance on having representatives in official bodies licensing the construction of hydro-electric plants, cableways, roads, railways, etc. Needless to say that where such a collaboration cannot be established the alpine associations must take direct action, that is to say by intervening with the authorities of their countries. They can, however, also exert pressure by means of petitions, meetings, press campaigns.

Secondly the alpine associations must so influence their members that they understand the necessity of defending all that concerns the mountains and know that they too can, individually, play a part in this defence work. Why should not a mountain lover undertake, on joining an association, to help in protecting the mountains to the best of his ability? He can do so in various ways: he can teach his family, his friends, by making them understand the different reasons that prompt mountaineers to protect their domain. He can too, when meeting in the mountains people who commit depredations, explain to them the evil of their ways. He can also make camping and picnic fans understand why they must not leave behind rubbish and empty tins—which are both ugly and dangerous—, why they must neither pick too many flowers nor uproot plants, and that they must see that the fire they have lit is completely put out before they go.

In Switzerland, voluntary patrols of skiers were formed last winter to watch over the ski runs. Their object was not only to dissuade reckless skiers from endangering their own life and that of their fellow men, but also to bring rapid relief to victims of accidents. Why could not the alpine associations also constitute patrols of the same kind (they exist in England to ensure the cleanliness of mountains and to remove on Monday the litter left on Sunday) which would watch over our mountains?

I think that this education of the mountain lovers must be carried out on any occasion and by every possible means: lectures within the associations, publications, personal influence, individual example on outings with young people not yet fully initiated.

There are perhaps yet other means; I cannot pretend to have named them all, for my purpose was to expound the problem, so that you might yourselves bring to bear on it the fruit of your experience and propose solutions that are better still. The essential thing is that, realising the pressing danger, all alpinists should make every effort to safeguard what has not yet been spoiled in the mountains that are dear to them.

The President of the UIAA will receive with the greatest pleasure all comments and suggestions that may be made to him on the subject of protecting the mountains. After studying them he will moreover pass them on to the International Commission of UIAA for the protection of nature.

C. Egmond d'Arcis, President of UIAA.

(On the 9th June, 1961, it was reported in "The Times" that two days previously the road leading to the Simplon Pass had been blocked by thick flows of earth and mud brought down by the Illgraben river which had swept away a bridge and partially blocked the Rhone. It was stated that the situation, which was considered serious, was partly the result of the damming of Alpine rivers, such as the Viège, for electricity production; and that the volume of those rivers had been so much reduced that the Rhone, lacking the necessary current and force, could not carry away the silt the Illgraben accumulated at its outlet with devastating effects when there was a flood. Further comment is superfluous.—Ed.).

THE OBERLAND WEISSHORN.

This peak is actually a gendarme on the ridge of the Schienhorn facing the Aletschorn. It rises for nearly 12,000 feet, being not unlike a Chamonix Aiguille. We had chosen to ascend the North Face. The Guide Book did not give any account of the route, so we thought it would give us a chance to test our route finding ability.

We peeled off our warm sacks at 2 a.m., and after a hasty breakfast left the Oberaletsch Hut at 2.30. It was a beautiful morning. The stars were shining brightly and the snow was crisp. Before we left the moraine for the glacier we put on our crampons. We moved quickly across the Oberaletsch Glacier until we could see a small steep glacier sweeping down from the North Face. After climbing some rocks we stepped on to the glacier. The bergschrund at the foot of the rocks gave us quite a bit of fun, the higher lip being overhanging. We followed the glacier until we could begin to climb on to the steep ice slope leading up to the summit. However, before we began it we stopped to eat and watch the re-birth of another day. It was a magnificent spectacle, seen only by the mountaineer. The summit of the Aletschorn seemed to be on fire, due to the sun being reflected off the clouds. Suddenly there was a terrific crash, as huge boulders swept down our face. The sun had begun its deadly days work, but we could not stay here and ponder over our misfortune. We cut steps up the steep ice slope under the menacing look of a huge serac. After two hundred feet we traversed right across deep grooves made by boulders from the summit icefield. The Face was like a huge scree slope held together with ice. It was possible to climb steep rocks for a few feet then one would have to cut steps up the intervening ice. We were compelled to use the safe but slow method of belaying after every rope length. However we were never sure whether the belay was a boulder in the ice or a firm rock. One false step by either party would mean a probable speedy descent down the slope into the open jaws of a huge bergschrund. By now the sun was riding high in the sky, and the boulders were rattling down the slope more frequently. Despite this, we were enjoying the climb immensely. I could not help admiring Nature's splendour. I had the feeling that we were two great explorers seeking treasure which can only be found at the highest point of a mountain.

But now the boulders were acquiring more skill and were falling rather too near for our liking. After a short counsel we decided to abandon our route and head for the East Ridge. After climbing a strenuous crack we emerged on the ridge, just in time to see a huge avalanche rake the face we had just left. We mumbled a prayer and began to climb the ridge. The ridge was a perfect example of Jack Frost ruthlessness. It was a mass of unstable boulders, which seemed to need only the slightest sound to upset their perfect balance. Presently, however, we reach the airy summit. The view was perfect on account of the visibility. We could even see the Matterhorn to the south together with the Eiger and the Jungfrau to the north. At 10.30 we arranged the abseil rope for our descent down the south face. We slid giddily down the rope; however, as usually happens after abseils the rope jammed. I eventually climbed back on to the summit and, after a few re-adjustments to the rope, joined my friend on his scanty stance with the rope trailing behind me. Four more such abseils brought us down to a small steep ice slope leading on to the glacier. The ice was slushy so we took particular care. We eventually reached the glacier to be rewarded for our hard time by tracks leading us through the maze of crevasses. We lost height rapidly, belaying where necessary, and after a weary but enjoyable climb reached the hut at 5.30 p.m.

Michael Mitchell.

THE ANNUAL DINNER.

The Annual Dinner was held at the Connaught Rooms on Wednesday, 22nd November. The President was in the Chair and no less than 111 members and guests were present.

The guests of the Association were His Excellency the Swiss Ambassador and Madame Daeniker; Professor G. I. Finch, F.R.S. (President of the Alpine Club); Mrs. P. D. Robinson (President of the Ladies' Alpine Club); Mr. Frank Solari (President of the Rucksack Club); Group Captain A. J. M. Smyth (President of the R.A.F. Mountaineering Association); Mr. J. Murray (President of the Imperial College M.C.); Mr. P. Beasley (Guy's Hospital M.C.); Mr. N. Pott (St. Bartholomew's Hospital A.C.); Dr. P. Sönksen (Middlesex Hospital M.C.); Herr T. von Speyer (President of the City Swiss Club), and Madame von Speyer; and Monsieur G. Unselde (Swiss National Tourist Office).

We were very glad to welcome Dr. Healy back among us, and

although Mr. Markbreiter is badly crippled with arthritis we are glad that he can still come to our dinner. Among the private guests we were glad to welcome Mrs. McArthur, Mrs. Mathews, Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Seligman. It gave us particular pleasure to see Mrs. Richards truly restored to health after her long and painful illness.

After the loyal toast had been honoured Mr. Derek Lambley proposed the toast of "The Swiss Confederation" in a very witty speech. The Swiss Ambassador commenced his reply by reading a message to the Association from the President of the newly appointed Central Committee at Geneva, Dr. Edouard Wyss-Dunant who is himself a celebrated mountaineer. His Excellency then went on to deplore the ever increasing commercialisation of the Alps and quoted a case where a climbing party had been disturbed on the summit of a mountain by the sudden arrival of a helicopter.

After the interval the President proposed the toast of "The Association". He commenced by reading a telegram from our old friend Monsieur Egmond d'Arcis regretting his inability to attend the dinner. He then went on to give a resumé of the activities of the past year and paid a tribute to the work done by the various officers during that period, mentioning especially Mr. J. E. L. Clements who operates the lantern for us at our meetings. He paid a particular tribute to Mr. M. N. Clarke who is retiring from the post of Honorary Editor at Easter 1962, after bringing out the Annual Report for 33 years.

Mr. Michael Holton then proposed the toast of "The Guests and Kindred Clubs" and the President of the Alpine Club replied in a delightful speech. After suggesting how people who arrived by helicopter on the top of a peak might be dealt with by the dispossessed climbing parties he went on to say that mountaineers seemed to possess a "forgetory" as well as a memory in that they so quickly forgot the unpleasant incidents of a climb and only remembered how much they had enjoyed it.

Finally Dr. Ernest Bircher proposed the toast of "The President" in a charming speech. Mr. Richards spoke a few words in reply, adding how greatly the Association was indebted to Dr. Bircher for his invaluable assistance and how very pleased we all were that he was remaining on the Committee. This concluded a very pleasant evening for which our thanks are due to Mr. F. E. Smith for the excellence of his arrangements.

RECEIPTS AND for the Year

RECEIPTS

1960		£	s.	d.
£				
360	Subscriptions	371	5	6
39	Benefit on rate of Exchange	30	0	0
68	Interest Received (net)	73	17	2
6	Advertising	6	6	0
14	Library Receipts	11	3	6
1	Sundry Receipts	—	—	—

£488

£492 12 2

I have examined the Books and Vouchers of the Association and report that the above accounts are in accordance therewith.
17th November, 1961. (Signed) R. A. TYSSSEN-GEE, Hon. Auditor.

EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

ending 30th September, 1961

EXPENDITURE.

1960		£	s.	d.
£				
100	Hire of Rooms	100	0	0
125	Annual Report	112	15	4
8	Clerical Assistance	—	—	—
11	Library Expenses	10	16	7
27	Postage S.N.T.O.	27	0	0
8	(do. Association)	7	8	10
10	Printing and Stationery S.N.T.O. ...	10	10	0
55	Printing and Stationery Association ...	61	14	5
9	Insurance	9	1	6
42	Entertainment	29	5	9
7	B.M.C. Subscription	7	0	0
21	Jubilee Expenses	2	15	11
26	B.M.C. Hut Fund	—	—	—
—	Lecture Expenses	15	6	0
6	Sundries	5	10	0
30	Depreciation	90	0	0
3	Balance being surplus of Receipts over Expenditure during the year ...	3	7	10

£488

£492 12 2

Association of British Members of the Swiss Alpine Club

BALANCE SHEET as at 30th September, 1961

LIABILITIES AND ACCUMULATED FUNDS

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
ACCUMULATED FUND						
<i>Life Membership Account:</i>						
Total as at 1st October, 1960 ..	1,148	8	0			
Add subscriptions received during year to 30th September, 1961 ..	16	16	0			
	1,165	4	0			
Provision for Income Tax ..				10	14	3
<i>Accumulated Revenue Account:</i>						
Balance as at 15th October, 1960	1,811	1	1			
Add surplus receipts over Expenditure for the year to 30th September, 1961 ..	3	7	10			
	1,814	8	11			
	£2,990	7	2			

ASSETS

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
CASH AT BANK—						
Current Account	274	3	4			
Deposit Account	107	2	0			
Sundry Debtors	6	6	0			
Interest due	12	5	1			
<i>Projector etc.:</i>						
(W. J. Forster Bequest) ..	70	0	0			
Less depreciation	30	0	0			
	40	0	0			
Equipment at Swiss National Tourist						
Office	80	0	0			
Less depreciation	60	0	0			
	20	0	0			
Investments at Cost	2,530	10	9			
<i>Investments:</i>						
3½% Conversion Stock 1961 or after	£1,000					
3% British Transport Stock 1978/88	£568					
2½% Treasury Stock 1975	£200					
4½% Agricultural Mortgage Debenture Stock 1977/82 ..	£,1000					
5% Defence Bonds	£300					
Market value at 30th September, 1961	£1,905					
	£2,990	7	2			

I have examined the Books and Vouchers of the Association and report that the above accounts are in accordance therewith.
17th November, 1961.

(Signed) R. A. TYSSSEN-GEE, Hon. Auditor.

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

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

The Rules of the Association are published with the Library List in a separate booklet.

MEMBERSHIP.

The number of members is now 715 and an analysis of the list of members shows their distribution among the various sections to be as follows:—

Altels	16
Diablerets	84
Geneva	57
Grindelwald	68
Interlaken	18
Monte Rosa	325
Oberhasli	10
Other Sections	33

The membership of the Swiss Alpine Club itself is now about 40,000 in about 80 sections.

89 new members have joined during the past year, but 5 have died and 69 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, 1961	789
Less Resignations, Deaths, etc., during 1961	74
Total, January 1st, 1962	<u>715</u>

Of these 83 are Life Members on the Retired List, 12 Retired under Rule 15B, 9 Honorary Members, 546 Ordinary Members and 65 Life Members on the Active List.

Accident Insurance Policy.

This covers all members and details may be obtained from the Hon. Treasurer. The premium is included in the annual subscription. The full details of the contract are set out in "The Alps" for January 1957.

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. V. O. Cohen, M.C., was elected Vice-President in place of Dr. A. W. Barton whose term of office has expired. Mr. M. N. Clarke was re-elected Hon. Editor until Easter, when his place will be taken by Mr. W. R. Jeurwine. All the other officers were re-elected.

The following members of the Committee retired having completed their terms of office: Messrs. J. E. L. Clements, V. O. Cohen, R. S. Dadson and W. R. Jeurwine. The resulting vacancies were filled by the election of Dr. A. W. Barton (Diablerets) and Messrs. J. Kemsley (Monte Rosa), W. Kirstein (Uto) and D. J. Lintott (Altels). The remaining members of the Committee were re-elected, and Herr M. Vogelbacher was co-opted in accordance with the provisions of Rule 6(b).

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

The distribution of grants to beneficiaries under this Trust in 1961 has been on practically the same lines as in 1960. 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.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

All letters must be addressed to officers by name at the addresses given on the cover, and should be sent as follows:

TO THE HONORARY TREASURER.

Those concerning subscriptions, membership, change of address and insurance. All letters should be addressed as follows:—

Hon. Treasurer,

A.B.M.S.A.C.,

c/o Swiss National Tourist Office,
458 Strand, W.C.2.

See also "Subscriptions" below.

TO THE HONORARY SECRETARIES.

Those concerning the Association Meetings should be sent to Mr. Smith unless otherwise stated.

Those concerning Meets to Mr. Bennett.

Other communications may be made to either Secretary.

TO THE HONORARY EDITOR.

Articles and other information for the Annual Report.

TO THE HONORARY LIBRARIAN.

Letters should be sent to his private address.

Books should be returned to him at the Alpine Club.

(For further details - see "Library" below).

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The subscription to the Association (which is due on January 1st each year) is £1 for Town Member and 10/- for Country Member. A Country Member is one who resides outside a radius of 50 miles of Charing Cross. There is no entrance fee. Life Membership costs £16.16s.0d. for Town Members and £8.8s.0d. for Country Members.

Members who have not paid by March 31st will cease to be entitled to any of the privileges of membership and notices of meets and meetings will not be sent to them.

Resignations from the S.A.C. must be sent to the Hon. Treasurer before December 15th, as, unless they are received by the Central Committee in Switzerland by December 31st, the subscription for the ensuing year is deemed to be due and will be claimed by the S.A.C.

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 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 for their Summer holiday. Contributions to the heavy expenses of the postal service will be welcomed.

RESCUE PARTIES AND FIRST AID.

Members are recommended to take this information with them when climbing. For this reason this section of the handbook is readily detachable.

IN THE ALPS.

Rescue Parties.

The alarm system operated by CISALP referred to in previous editions of the Association Year Book has become unnecessary and has ceased to function. In case of difficulty dial No. 11 on any Swiss telephone and one is automatically connected to the Information Service which can always inform the caller who to contact if a rescue party is required. The person requiring a rescue party is responsible for meeting the expense.

Communication between Climbing Parties and Alpine Pilots.

A full list of signs is printed on page 105 of "Les Alpes" for May 1960 but those below are the ones likely to be most useful. The signs can be made in or on the snow in any manner likely to be visible from the air.

Have need of medical aid	...	I
Rescue Party required	...	O
Show us the direction	...	K
Everything in order	...	LL
Not understood	...	JL
No	...	N
Yes	...	Y
Food required	...	F

IN BRITAIN.

A full list of rescue posts is contained in the Mountain Rescue Committee's Handbook. Those listed below cover the districts most likely to be frequented by members of the Association. The location of posts should be checked on arrival in the district, as they are changed occasionally.

Stretchers and two rucksacks of medical supplies are kept at each post. Both rucksacks should be taken, together with lights, food and plenty of rope. Make sure that the iron leg splint or the double thigh-splint is included and fill the hot water bottles and thermos flasks. In most cases the Supervisor at the rescue post will assist in organising a rescue party and will summon doctor and ambulance, if asked to do so. Local men who help should be paid.

Afterwards a report on the accident and any deficiencies in first aid equipment should be sent, as soon as possible, to The Secretary, Mountain Rescue Committee, Hill House, Cheadle Hulme, Stockport, Cheshire.

LAKE DISTRICT.

<i>Location of Post</i>	<i>Telephone</i>
Wastwater Hotel, Wasdale Head	Wasdale Head 1
Seathwaite Farm, Seathwaite	—
Police Station, Keswick	Keswick 4
Youth Hostel, Gillerthwaite Farm, Ennerdale	At Angler's Inn Lamplugh 202
Dungeon Ghyll Old Hotel, Great Langdale	Langdale 272
Dow Crag House, Coniston	Police, Coniston 251

(Two rucksacks are also kept in hut at Dow Crag)

Gatesgarth Farm, Buttermere	Buttermere 6
Outward Bound Mountain School, Eskdale	Eskdale 226
Sty Head Pass	—
Goldrill Youth Hostel, Patterdale	Glenridding 208
Outward Bound Mountain School, Hallsteads-on-Ullswater, Watermillock	Pooley Bridge 225

Rescue Teams :

Keswick	Police, Keswick 4
Coniston	Police, Coniston 251
Cockermouth	Mr. B. Wilby, Fish Hotel, Buttermere. Buttermere 203.

NORTH WALES.

All calls for help in this area should be made in the first instance to Mr. C. Briggs, Pen-y-Gwryd Hotel. Telephone No. Llanberis 211. Posts are located as follows:—

Youth Hostel, Idwal Cottage, Ogwen	Bethesda 225
Ogwen Cottage	Bethesda 214
Pen-y-Gwryd Hotel	Llanberis 211
Cwellyn Arms Hotel, Rhyd-ddu	Beddgelert 267

SCOTLAND.

Clachaig Hotel, Glencoe	Ballachulish 252
Lagangarbh, Glencoe	—
Police Station, Crianlarich	Crianlarich 222
Glenbrittle House, Isle of Skye	Glenbrittle 2
Marshall & Pearson, West Highland Garage, Fort William	Fort William 15
The Charles Inglis Clark Hut, Ben Nevis	—
Police Station, Brodick, Arran	Brodick 100
Glenmore Lodge	Aviemore 256
Recreation Room, Glenmore	—
Derry Lodge, Braemar	—
Police Station, Braemar	Braemar 222
Spittal of Muick, Glen Muick	—
Police Station, Succoth, Arrochar	Arrochar 22

Roll of Honour

1914 - 1918

A. C. ADAMS	E. DOUGLAS MURRAY
RALPH N. ADAMS	T. D. OVERTON
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CYRIL HARTREE	KENNETH WILCOX
C. E. KING-CHURCH	H. D. WILLIS
M. MILEY (Junior)	

1939 - 1945

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

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.
1957-1959 Geo. Starkey.
1960- B. L. Richards, G.M.

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.
1957-58 Dr. J. W. Healy and B. L. Richards, G.M.
1959 B. L. Richards, G.M., and Dr. A. W. Barton.
1960-61 Dr. A. W. Barton and Mr. D. G. Lambley, F.R.C.S.
1962 Mr. D. G. Lambley, F.R.C.S. and Mr. V. O.
Cohen, M.C.

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 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	George Starkey and R. C. J. Parker.
1957-1958	R. C. J. Parker and H. McArthur.
1959-1960	R. C. J. Parker and F. E. Smith.
1961-	F. E. Smith and M. Bennett.

Honorary Treasurers

1909-1911	C. E. King-Church.
1912-1925	J. A. B. Bruce.
1926-1954	C. T. Lehmann.
1954-1957	J. R. Amphlett.
1957	F. R. Crepin.

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.
1957	R. A. Tyssen-Gee.

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.

Prior to 1949 the duties of the Hon. Editor were carried out by the following officers:—

1909-1911	J. A. B. Bruce.
1912-1928	J. A. B. Bruce and A. N. Andrews.
1929-1948	M. N. Clarke.

Assistant Honorary Treasurer

(created 1949)

1949 A. G. Schofield.

LIST OF MEMBERS
of the
Association of British Members
of the
Swiss Alpine Club
(Corrected up to 9th January, 1962.)

*For privacy individual names and addresses have been removed.
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to the Editor or going to the hard copies in AC library in London.*

715 Members, of whom 83 are Life Members on the Retired List,
12 Retired under Rule 15b, 9 Honorary Members, 546 Ordinary
Members and 65 Life Members on the Active List.

H O N . M E M B E R S .

(Included in the List of Members).

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

Bircher, Dr. Ernest.

Clarke, M. N., 'A C.' (*Monte Rosa*), (*Hon. Secretary*, 1929-1948).

D'Arcis, Egmond (*Geneva*).

Daeniker, *His Excellency Monsieur, the Swiss Ambassador.*

Eggler, Dr. Albert (*Bern*).

Geiger, Hermann (*Monte Rosa*).

Hunt, Brigadier Sir John, C.B.E., D.S.O., 'A C.' (*Oberhasli*).

Mariétan, Abbé Dr. Ignace (*Monte Rosa*).

K I N D R E D C L U B S

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Alpine Ski Club, Hon. Sec., Jeremy Debenham, 22, Old Burlington Street, W. 1.

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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 Wherry Library, St. John's College, Cambridge.

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

Climbers' Club, Hon. Sec., M. H. Westmacott, Candleford, 26, Gordon Avenue, Stanmore, Middlesex.

- Fell and Rock Climbing Club (London Section), Miss Ursula Milner-White, 48, Addison Road, Kensington, W.14.
- Fell and Rock Climbing Club, C. S. Tilly, Park House, Greatham, Co. Durham.; W. E. Kendrick, Customs and Excise, Fairfield Road, Lancaster (Hut and Meet Secretary).
- Glasgow University Mountaineering Club, Hon. Sec., c/o University Union, Glasgow, W.2.
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- Irish Mountaineering Club, Hon. Sec., R. Nickels, 25, Rosemont Road, Richmond, Surrey.
- Manchester University Mountaineering Club, Hon. Sec., c/o The University Union, Manchester, 15.
- Midland Association of Mountaineers, D. G. Smith, 32, Silhill Hall Road, Solihull, Warwickshire.
- Mountain Club of Kenya, P.O. Box 5741, Nairobi, Kenya, East Africa.
- Oxford University Mountaineering Club, c/o School of Geography, Mansfield Road, Oxford.
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- Wayfarers' Club, Hon. Sec., S. T. Wright, 3, Buttermere Avenue, Bidston, Birkenhead.
- Ladies' Scottish Climbing Club, Hon. Sec., Mrs. Bell, 3, Park Place, Clackmannan.
- Ladies' Swiss Alpine Club, President, Frä. Fridy Baumann, Zinggentorstrasse 8, Lucerne, Switzerland.
- Himalayan Club, P.O. Box 9049, Calcutta.
- British Mountaineering Council, Hon. Sec., T. H. Sinclair, 107, Abingdon Road, W.8.

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

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