

man), Freeman Allen, J. W. S. Brady, Allston Burr, J. Ellis Fisher, Howard Palmer, J. Duke Smith, and H. B. de Villiers-Schwab; the guests being Dana B. Durand, S. Prescott Fay, Henry S. Hall, jun., W. S. Ladd, George M. Weed, and George N. Whipple.

The members number twenty-six. The proposal to provide for two Vice-Chairmen, one of whom shall be a Canadian, was unanimously carried, and Dr. J. W. A. Hickson was declared elected Second Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Howard Palmer proceeded to deliver the lecture of the evening on 'Mt. Sir Sanford.' The earlier attempts on the mountain, as well as his own determined series of expeditions, culminating in its conquest in 1912, were ably described, with the aid of many fine lantern slides. Most thrilling were the pictures and narrative of the passage beneath the ice-cap on the summit ridge, under the leadership of the guides Edward Feuz and Rudolph Aemmer.

Mr. de Villiers-Schwab closed the programme with a short account of the recent successful Mt. Clemenceau Expedition, illustrating his talk with a few lantern slides. Informal discussion followed, and the gathering finally broke up shortly before midnight.

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#### OLYMPIC PRIZE FOR ALPINE CLIMBING.

ON the day before he sailed for India to lead the Third Mount Everest Expedition General Bruce received a letter from the General Secretary of the Comité Olympique Français inviting him to Chamonix to receive the *prix d'alpinisme* which had been unanimously awarded to him by the Comité International Olympique and the Comité Olympique Français. The two Committees were of the opinion that no individual or collective effort had in the last four years equalled that which General Bruce and his comrades had achieved in the Mount Everest Expedition, and at the closing ceremony of the *jeux d'hiver* the assembled athletes of nineteen nations would be happy to acclaim in him the most magnificent example of energy which the Committee could set before them.

Since it was impossible for General Bruce to attend in person, the Mount Everest Committee nominated Lieut.-Colonel E. L. Strutt, the second in command of the Expedition of 1922, to represent the Expedition, and at a great assembly on the Skating Rink at Chamonix on February 5, thirteen handsome silver-gilt medals were handed to him—one for each British member of the party. Monsieur le Baron Pierre Coubertin, President of the Comité International Olympique, in an eloquent speech, referred in most flattering terms to the hardships undergone by the party, and expressed his sincere hopes for the success of General Bruce and the Expedition of 1924. The Baron also referred to the fact that this was the first occasion on which the Olympic Prize had ever been awarded for a mountaineering feat, and expressed the hope that General Bruce would see that one of these medals was deposited on the summit of Mount Everest this year. The speech was received with loud cheers from the Olympic competitors and spectators, numbering several thousands, and the band of the 27th Chasseurs Alpins played the British National Anthem as Colonel Strutt advanced to receive the prize.

The Mount Everest Committee have conveyed to the President of the Comité International Olympique and the Comité Olympique Français their high appreciation of the distinction conferred upon General Bruce and the members of the Expedition by this award.

## IN MEMORIAM.

THOMAS GEORGE BONNEY,<sup>1</sup>

1833-1923.

It is to the honour of the Alpine Club that mere athletics has been but a part of its pursuits. It is a note of our Club that, brilliant as are its records for skill, daring, and adventure, its members have been no less distinguished for accomplishment in science, art, and letters. Of such a company Professor Bonney, whose death we now deplore, was a shining example; his climbing record is good,

<sup>1</sup> Portraits of Professor Bonney appeared in *A.J.* xxxi. 18 and xxxiv. frontispiece. He is the last survivor of Whympers famous group at Zermatt in 1864.