

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ALPINE CLUB.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall, 23 Savile Row, London, W.1, on Tuesday, November 6, 1928, at 8.30 P.M., Sir George H. Morse, *President*, in the Chair.

The following candidates were balloted for and elected Members of the Club, namely, Messrs. Marshal Neville Clarke, Henry de Ségogne, Ernest Gueterbock, Henry Harrison Hardy, Robert Jeffrey, James Edward Montgomrey, Reginald C. F. Schomberg, Samitaro Uramatsu, and Alfred Zürcher.

The PRESIDENT referred to the deaths of the following Members, namely: Monsieur Pierre Puiseux (Hon. Mem.), elected 1918; Monsieur le Colonel F. Regaud (Hon. Mem.), elected 1924; Mr. J. A. Carfrae, elected 1874. Dr. G. E. Wherry, elected 1893; Sir Alexander Kennedy, elected 1895; and Mr. C. E. Montague, elected 1906.

Professor T. GRAHAM BROWN, F.R.S., then read a Paper entitled 'The First Direct Ascent of Mont Blanc de Courmayeur from the Brenva Glacier, and some other Climbs,' which was illustrated by lantern slides. Discussion followed, and the proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the Reader.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall, 23 Savile Row, London, W.1, on Monday, December 10, 1928, at 8.30 P.M., Sir George H. Morse, *President*, in the Chair.

The following candidates were balloted for and elected Members of the Club, namely, Messrs. Paul Arni, John Duncan Carr, Henry Gother Courtney, Sir Armine B. Dew, Caleb Frank Gates, Percy Reginald Penrose Miers, John Wingate Rundall, Michael Henry Wilson, and Frank Trueman Wynward-Wright.

The PRESIDENT, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 29, declared that the following members proposed by the Committee for the posts of President, Vice-President, and Elective Members of Committee for the year 1929, had been duly elected, namely:

As President.—Dr. Claude Wilson in place of Sir George Morse, whose term of office expires.

As Vice-President.—Mr. W. N. Ling in the place of Dr. T. G. Longstaff, whose term of office expires.

As Elective Members of Committee.—Messrs. W. B. Carslake, J. M. Davidson, Sir William T. Lister, A. G. Whitting and J. M. Wordie, in the places of Messrs. R. A. Frazer, S. B. Peech, D. R. Pye, E. Thomas and H. E. G. Tyndale, whose terms of office expire.

Mr. E. H. F. Bradby, Vice-President, Mr. Sydney Spencer, Honorary Secretary, and the other Members of Committee being eligible, were re-elected.

Mr. J. E. C. EATON proposed that Mr. Reginald Graham and Mr.

H. J. Macartney be elected Auditors for 1929. This was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

The PRESIDENT referred to the death of Mr. M. F. Monier-Williams, who was elected in 1873.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Sydney Spencer for his work in arranging the Exhibition of Photographs was enthusiastically acclaimed.

The PRESIDENT delivered a Valedictory Address, and was afterwards the recipient of a very cordial vote of thanks for the eminent services he had rendered the Club during his three years of office. The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. D. W. Freshfield.

In connection with the Exhibition of Photographs, the Club was 'At Home' to members and their friends on the afternoon of Tuesday, December 11. About 400 attended.

THE ANNUAL WINTER DINNER took place at the Edward VII Rooms, Hotel Victoria, Northumberland Avenue, W.C. 2, on Tuesday, December 11, at 7 P.M., Sir George H. Morse, *President*, in the Chair. The Club's guests were Major-Gen. Sir John Duncan, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O., the Hon. Mr. Justice McCardie, Sir Richard Gregory, F.R.A.S., and Mr. R. S. T. Chorley, *Vice-President* of the Fell and Rock Climbing Club. Members and Guests numbered 270.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall, 23 Savile Row, London, W. 1, on Tuesday, February 5, 1929, at 8.30 P.M., Dr. Claude Wilson, *President*, in the Chair.

The following candidates were balloted for and elected Members of the Club, namely, Mr. William Cliffe Burnet, Mr. William Harold Hey, and Monsieur Jean Antoine Morin.

The PRESIDENT announced with regret the deaths of the following Members: The Rev. Canon H. J. L. Arnold, elected in 1904. He died in June 1928. Mr. C. Myles Mathews, elected in 1899, who died in December 1928. Mr. Thomas Meares, elected 1908, and Mr. E. de Quincey Quincey, elected 1888.

The PRESIDENT said that Members would also regret to hear of the sudden death of the celebrated guide, Christian Klucker, which took place at Sils Maria, Upper Engadine, in December last.

Members were informed that Signor Giorgio de Wolff of Pola, Italy, had very kindly presented to the Club a water colour painting of Monte Rosa from above Macugnaga, his own work. The picture had been hung in the Reading Room, and was a splendid addition to the Club's collection of Alpine Paintings. The Hon. Secretary had been instructed to convey to Signor de Wolff the very cordial thanks of the Club.

Mr. D. W. FRESHFIELD moved that the Resolution passed at the Annual General Meeting on Monday, December 14, 1925, be rescinded and that Rule 26 should be altered in accordance with the notice which had been circulated to Members, prescribing the terms of office of the President, the Vice-Presidents, and Elective Members

of Committee. This was duly seconded by Dr. T. G. Longstaff, and passed unanimously.

Capt. G. I. FINCH (under the title of 'The Cult of the Little Pictures') showed three cinematograph films featuring himself, Mrs. Finch, and Messrs. Foster and Peto, in the crossing of Mont Blanc, the Ascent of the Tête de Valpelline, and an Ascent of the Wytenwasserstock (St. Gothard Group).

A very cordial vote of thanks was passed to Capt. Finch who acknowledged his indebtedness to the two representatives of Kodak Limited who had so kindly operated the lanterns for him.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall, 23 Savile Row, London, W. 1, on Tuesday, March 5, 1929, at 8.30 P.M., Dr. Claude Wilson, *President*, in the Chair.

Signor Guido Alberto Rivetti was balloted for and elected a Member of the Club.

References to the death of Capt. J. P. Farrar, D.S.O., were made by the President, Mr. G. Yeld, Mr. G. E. Gask, Mr. H. V. Reade, Mr. Edgar Foa, Mr. F. S. Smythe and Mr. W. N. Ling.

The PRESIDENT mentioned that letters of condolence had been received from all the Foreign Clubs, and a number of well-known foreign mountaineers.

The PRESIDENT also announced with regret that Mr. Samuel Aitken, who was elected in 1891, had died recently in his 86th year.

Mr. EUSTACE THOMAS read a Paper entitled 'Six Years and the Four-Thousanders,' which was illustrated by lantern slides. In the discussion following the reading of this Paper, the President, while congratulating Mr. Thomas on his interesting and humorous paper and on his wonderful record of 'records,' considered there was much that was controversial in some of the views stated or tacitly advocated. Dr. Wilson did not believe that the future of mountaineering lay solely—or even mainly—with the guideless climbers, nor did he consider that the spirit of record-making and record-breaking was in harmony with the best interests of mountaineering in general, or of the Alpine Club in particular. (Other Members, following Dr. Wilson, upheld these views—with which we are in complete agreement.—*Editor 'A.J.'*)

Owing to the late hour, Mr. Thomas had no opportunity of replying, but he was the recipient of a cordial vote of thanks.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall, 23 Savile Row, London, W. 1, on Tuesday, April 9, 1929, at 8.30 P.M., Dr. Claude Wilson, *President*, in the Chair.

The following candidates were balloted for and elected Members of the Club, namely, Monsieur Paul Dalmais, and Mr. Eric Earle Shipton; Herr Willy Rickmer Rickmers was re-elected to membership.

The PRESIDENT and Mr. J. J. Withers referred to the death of Mr. H. E. M. Stutfield, who was elected in 1886.

The PRESIDENT also announced that news of the death of Mr. Val. A. Fynn (elected 1911) had been recently received. He was a great friend of Capt. Farrar's and a most remarkable climber. He had lived in Switzerland for a number of years and was well known to many Members. Capt. G. I. Finch also spoke.

Members were informed that Monsieur Charles Vallot, the eminent French cartographer, had been offered, and had accepted, Honorary Membership of the Club.

Also that the index to vols. 16 to 33 of the ALPINE JOURNAL would be ready for publication at the end of June, unless anything unforeseen occurred.

The HONORARY SECRETARY and TREASURER, Mr. Sydney Spencer, presented the Accounts for 1928, which were eventually adopted *nem. con.*

Members passed a cordial vote of thanks to the Auditors, Messrs. H. J. Macartney and Reginald Graham, for their work in connection with the audit.

Mr. F. S. SMYTHE then read a Paper entitled 'Winter Climbing' which was illustrated by lantern slides. Discussion followed in which the President, the Hon. Secretary, Col. E. L. Strutt and Dr. T. G. Longstaff took part, and finally a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Smythe.

'THE CLOSING OF THE ITALIAN ALPS.'

At the moment of going to press we learn from a private but unimpeachable source that it is hoped the Cols du Géant and Théodule will be open this summer for transit for persons provided with *passports*. It is also hoped that the *ordinary* passport will be enough (*without* the special 'tourist' card) for foreigners, as it now is, since the last few months, for Italians travelling in the frontier zones. The result, however, will not be known until about *June 15*.

In any case, it is definitely known that instructions will be given to facilitate the movements of foreigners, and especially and beyond all others of *British* subjects on the Alpine frontiers . . . 'but it is not all what we all want.'