

Transport difficulties were primarily due to route and weather rather than to the fault of any single individual, whilst the responsibility for the death of Chetin must be shared by all members of the expedition.

As regards equipment, on the weight of which I ventured to criticize (climbers were expected to carry about 30 lbs. to the summit of Kangchenjunga), this was, I understand from Professor Dyhrenfurth, substantially the same as that employed by the 1929 Bavarian Expedition, whilst the boots, which weigh $8\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. a pair and contain 60 nails each, were those recommended by Captain Finch in 'Der Kampf um den Mt. Everest,' for high altitude climbing.

I am, etc.

March 25, 1931.

F. S. SMYTHE.

Captain G. I. Finch having seen the above correspondence writes: . . . 'In the "Assault on Mt. Everest" and in my book "Der Kampf um den Mt. Everest," I suggest substitution of as much leather as possible by other materials likely to afford greater heat combined with lightness. I certainly never advocated such absurdities as boots weighing $8\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. per pair! I may add that, to the best of my recollection, Professor Dyhrenfurth never consulted me *re* boots, nor did he ever submit samples to me for my remarks . . .'

[In our editorial capacity, and as a member of the expedition, we may state that the boots worn by Captain Finch during the 1922 attempt on Mt. Everest were *lightly* nailed, and, except for the increased size—to admit of the wearing of 3 pairs of goat-hair socks—of the normal mountaineering kind. E. L. S.]

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 4, 1930, 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. A. C. Baker, Monsieur Jean Chaubert, Mr. Basil R. Goodfellow, Mr. John L. J. Hart, Dr. H. W. Hoek, Mr. G. F. Peaker, Mr. Frank Savery, Mr. G. R. Speaker, and Lt.-Col. Bernard F. Trench.

The PRESIDENT referred to the death of the following members, namely, the Rt. Rev. Bishop G. F. Browne (1864), H. Seymour Hoare (1873), E. J. Layton (1877), T. P. H. Jose (1877), F. E. L. Swan (1887), Ellis Carr (1888), H. B. Dixon (1894), R. P. Hope (1899), Dr. Fridtjof Nansen, Honorary Member (1902), A. F. R. Wollaston (1903), A. Stuart Jenkins (1907), and Dr. Freeman Allen (1911).

Mr. F. S. SMYTHE then read a Paper entitled 'The Assault on Kangchenjunga, 1930,' which was illustrated by lantern slides. A discussion followed in which Mr. Douglas W. Freshfield, Dr. T. G. Longstaff, Brig.-General the Hon. C. G. Bruce, Sir Geoffrey Corbett, and Capt. G. I. Finch took part, and the proceedings closed with the passing of a most cordial vote of thanks to Mr. Smythe.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall, 23 Savile Row, London, W. 1, on Monday, December 8, 1930, 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, Messrs. T. S. Blakeney, Il Marchese Giovanni Donghi, D. O. W. Hall, H. R. Herbert, H. C. Jenkins, Sir Charles J. Stevenson-Moore, K.C.I.E., C.V.O., M. C. Teves, Count Ugo di Vallepiana, and Walter R. Wood, jun.

The PRESIDENT, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 29, declared the following members elected as Officers and Members of Committee for the year 1931 :

As Vice-President.—The Rt. Hon. L. S. Amery, M.P., in the place of Mr. W. N. Ling, whose term of office expires.

As Elective Members of Committee.—Messrs. Walter Barrow, G. F. Berney, and F. S. Smythe, in the places of Messrs. A. F. de Fonblanque, J. M. Davidson, and A. G. Whitting, whose terms of office expire.

The President, Dr. Claude Wilson, the Vice-President, Mr. G. P. Baker, the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Sydney Spencer, and all other eligible Members of Committee, were re-elected.

The Rev. WALTER WESTON proposed, and Mr. M. N. CLARKE seconded, that Messrs. H. J. Macartney and Philip H. Pilditch be appointed Auditors to audit the Club Accounts for 1930. This proposition was put to the Meeting and carried unanimously.

The PRESIDENT announced that he had received a communication from the Rev. Walter Weston stating that the Japanese Alpine Club had just celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary, and it was proposed that a telegram of congratulation should be sent to them. The Members signified approval by acclamation.

The PRESIDENT referred to the deaths of Mr. H. Sydney Seymour and Mr. George Sang.

Professor T. GRAHAM BROWN then read a Paper entitled 'A new ascent of Piz Bernina and other climbs in 1930,' which was illustrated by lantern slides. Col. E. L. Strutt and Mr. R. W. Lloyd took part in the subsequent discussion, and Professor Graham Brown was accorded the cordial thanks of the members for his Paper and the magnificent slides he had shown.

AN EXHIBITION OF ALPINE PAINTINGS was held in the Hall of the Club from December 8 to 31, 1930, and in this connection the Club was AT HOME to Members and their friends on the afternoon of Tuesday, December 9. Tea was served to about 400 members and their guests.

THE ANNUAL WINTER DINNER was held in the Edward VII Rooms, Hotel Victoria, Northumberland Avenue, London, W.C. 2, on Tuesday, December 9, at 7 P.M. Covers were laid for 255 members and guests. The official Guests of the Club were Admiral Sir William Goodenough, G.C.B., M.V.O., Field-Marshal the Viscount Allenby, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., the Viscount Hailsham, Sir William Hale-White, K.B.E., Dr. Paul Bauer, Mr. J. S. M. Bingham, President of the Oxford University Mountaineering Club, Mr. Claud Bicknell, President of the Cambridge University Mountaineering Club, Mr. J. A. Parker, Past-President of the Cairngorm Club, Mr. Godfrey A. Solly, Vice-President of the Fell and Rock-Climbing Club, and Brig.-Gen. the Hon. C. G. Bruce, C.B., M.V.O., President of the Association of British Members of the Swiss Alpine Club.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall, 23 Savile Row, London, W. 1, on Tuesday, February 3, 1931, 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. O. N. Bax, Mr. Olaf F. Bloch, Capt. J. E. Hugh Boustead, M.C., Mr. F. A. B. Everington, Mr. A. A. McCoubrey, Mr. D. Gordon Mills, Capt. George Sherriff, and Mr. C. P. Skrine.

The PRESIDENT referred to the deaths of Mr. J. Stafford Anderson, elected in 1881; the Rev. J. T. Bramston, elected in 1872; Mr. E. H. Fison, elected in 1882; Major E. A. Fitzgerald, elected in 1892; and Mr. J. A. B. B. Bruce, elected in 1903.

Mr. H. BOOTH then read a Paper entitled 'Nesthorn and Fuss-hoerner,' which was illustrated by lantern slides, and after some discussion, in which Mr. George Yeld and Mr. G. A. Solly took part, Mr. Booth was accorded a vote of thanks.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall, 23 Savile Row, London, W. 1, on Tuesday, March 3, 1931, 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, Messrs. W. E. M. Blandy, W. D. Macpherson, D. Marsh, and John Poole.

The PRESIDENT referred to the deaths of Prebendary Heard, elected in 1894, and Professor C. E. Fay, an Honorary Member, elected in 1902.

Mr. C. G. CRAWFORD read a Paper entitled 'Mount Robson and other climbs in the Canadian Rockies,' which was illustrated by lantern slides. Messrs. N. E. Odell, L. S. Amery, J. N. Collie, and T. G. Longstaff took part in the discussion which followed, and Mr. Crawford received the cordial thanks of the Members.

At the moment of going to press, we learn with the deepest regret of the death of Sir GEORGE H. MORSE, ex-President of the Alpine Club and a most distinguished mountaineer.