

*Illustrations.*

Mt. Begbie (2); Biancogrät (10); Botany (5).  
 Castle Mn. (2); Cataract Pk. N.W. face (2); Cathedral (8); Cedarbergen (8);  
 Aigs. de Chamonix (27); Aig. du Chardonnet N. face (4); Ciarforon (14);  
 Petit M. Collon (12a); Les Courtes route 1930 (4); Crevasse several (27).  
 Dachstein fr. S. (5); Les Droites Argentiére face route (4).  
 Écrins S.E. face (27); Mt. Elgon summit (8).  
 Fuji (22).  
 Mt. Gerlach (25); Mte. Glacier (14); Torre Grande S. face (2); Gross Glockner  
 and Pasterzengl. (5); Grépon fr. aeroplane (27).  
 Hörnli panorama (20b); Helsby climbs (12a).  
 Kailas (58); Kilimanjaro numerous (33) (59).  
 Lhonak Pk. (29); Mt. Louis N. face and W. (2).  
 Maligne Lake various (2); Maligne group (2); Matterh. tr. Breuil (14); Meije  
 centrale (27); Mittersp. fr. S. (5); Moinegrat (11); Molar Tower (2);  
 Molenaarsberg (8); Gr. Montets arête (27); Mt. Blanc summit (27).  
 Pétéret arête (27); ill. Pluto Pk. (9); *Portraits*—O. Ampferer (13), Cora J.  
 Best (2), C. E. Fay (2), H. B. Dixon (2), Baron Gabet (2); Rickmers (57).  
 C. P. Topali, various (62).  
 Robson various (2).  
 Mt. Sefton E. face (9); Mt. Sir Sandford (50); Snehetta (9b); Spout (8);  
 Spring Crag, Table Mn. (8).  
 Table Mn. 4 new routes (8); Clocher du Tacul (27); Torststein fr. S. (5);  
 Trolltindoeppen (9b).  
 Wedge Pk. (29); Mt. Whitney various (1).  
 Drei Zinnen fr. Paternsattel (5).

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## ‘THE ASSAULT ON KANGCHENJUNGA, 1930.’

*To the Editor of the ALPINE JOURNAL.*

SIR,—I note that in press and other references to Dr. Dyhrenfurth's International Expedition to the Himalaya, I am credited with having advised that an *attack* on Kangchenjunga should be made from the N.W. or Nepalese side. It seems, therefore, necessary to restate exactly the words I used in my book *Round Kangchenjunga* and repeated in the ALPINE JOURNAL, Vol. 20. In both I recommended that the mountain should be carefully reconnoitred on this side to ascertain if any route free from imminent danger from avalanches could be discovered. I must quote my exact words: ‘I failed to trace any route on which skill could avert the danger of avalanches and, with Mummery's fate before our eyes, this approach to Kangchenjunga cannot be recommended even to the boldest climbers until such a route has been discovered’ (*Round Kangchenjunga*, p. 172). Again: ‘The centre of the cirque under Kangchenjunga at the head of the Kangchenjunga Glacier consists of a series of rocky cliffs and icy shelves, which, even if practicable, must be too much exposed to avalanches to offer a reasonable or legitimate route to mountaineers’ (‘A.J.’ 20, 122).



The International Expedition, without undertaking any such adequate reconnaissance as I had enjoined, made a forlorn-hope assault on 'the centre of the cirque,' the obviously avalanche-swept spot of the dangers of which they had been given very explicit warning.

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DOUGLAS W. FRESHFIELD.

May 9, 1931.

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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE ALPINE CLUB.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall, 23 Savile Row, London, W.1, on Tuesday, March 31, 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. C. M. D. Eales, Mr. John D. Hills, Capt. Edward de Trafford, and Mr. C. B. M. Warren.

The PRESIDENT referred to the death of Mr. G. F. Berney, a Member of the Committee, who was elected in 1894, and of Mr. H. W. Henderson, elected 1887.

The Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. Sydney Spencer, presented the Accounts and Balance Sheet for 1930. These were adopted *nem. con.*

Mr. C. W. Nettleton proposed a Vote of Thanks to the Auditors, Messrs. H. J. Macartney and P. H. Pilditch. This was duly seconded and carried with acclamation.

The President made the following announcements :

1. That Dr. Hugh Roger-Smith had presented to the Club an oil painting of the Jungfrauoch by the late Sir Ernest Waterlow, R.A. ; and
2. That Sir Martin Conway had written to say that when he was in Rome recently he had had a private audience with His Holiness the Pope, who sent his blessing to the Alpine Club and all mountaineers.

Dr. G. F. ABERCROMBIE then read a Paper entitled 'The Lofoten Islands, 1931,' which was illustrated by lantern slides. Professor J. Norman Collie and Mr. J. P. Somers took part in the discussion which followed, and Dr. Abercrombie received a very cordial vote of thanks from the members present.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall, 23 Savile Row, London, W.1, on Tuesday, May 5, 1931, at 8.30 P.M., Dr. Claude Wilson, *President*, in the Chair.

Mr. Dean Abbot Smith was balloted for and elected a member of the Club.