

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ALPINE CLUB

A GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall, 23 Savile Row, London, W. 1, on Tuesday, October 27, 1936, at 8.30 P.M., Colonel E. L. Strutt, C.B.E., D.S.O., *President*, in the Chair.

The following candidates were balloted for and elected members of the Club, namely, Messrs. Alan W. Brown, Glen Dawson, R. C. G. Moggridge, T. C. Paynter, Michael Roberts, R. W. Rodwell, H. W. Reginald Room, J. C. Ryle, A. U. Sarpy, and Lieut. J. Waller, R.A.

The PRESIDENT referred to the deaths of Mr. E. G. A. Holmes, elected 1876, and Mr. Walter Brunskill, elected 1895.

The PRESIDENT called upon the Hon. Secretary to report the position with regard to new premises.

The Honorary Secretary, Mr. E. S. Herbert, then reported to the members present that the Sub-Committee, appointed by the Committee for the purpose, had succeeded in their search for suitable premises, and that an agreement to lease the ground-floor premises at No. 74 South Audley Street, London, W. 1, had been signed subject to the necessary licence being obtained from the freeholders (the Grosvenor Estate) for the sub-letting to the Club and the carrying out of certain proposed structural alterations. He gave detailed information as to the accommodation which would be provided, the terms of the lease and the rental. Some discussion followed, and a Resolution approving the action taken by the Committee was proposed by Dr. T. G. Longstaff, seconded by Mr. Claude A. Macdonald, put to the vote and carried, with two dissentients. (200 members present.)

Mr. HUGH RUTTLEDGE then read a Paper on 'The Mount Everest Expedition, 1936,' which was illustrated by lantern slides. Mr. F. S. Smythe, Brig.-Gen. the Hon. C. G. Bruce, Wing-Commander E. B. Beaman, Brigadier E. F. Norton, Capt. G. I. Finch, Dr. C. B. M. Warren, Professor T. Graham Brown, and Mr. C. G. Crawford took part in the discussion which followed, and Mr. Hugh Ruttledge received a cordial Vote of Thanks.

A SPECIAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall, 23 Savile Row, London, W. 1, on Tuesday, November 10, 1936, at 8.30 P.M., for the sole purpose of enabling members to see Mr. F. S. Smythe's film of the Mount Everest Expedition, 1936. No other business was taken at this Meeting, which was attended by about 170 members. At the conclusion of the Meeting, Mr. Smythe received a cordial Vote of Thanks.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall, 23 Savile Row, London, W. 1, on Monday, December 7, 1936, at 8.30 P.M., Colonel E. L. Strutt, *President*, in the Chair.

The following candidates were balloted for and elected members of the Club, namely, Mr. Geoffrey Barratt, the Hon. B. L. Bathurst, Mr. C. Crichton-Miller, Mr. A. M. Greenwood, Mr. D. A. Hodgkinson, the Hon. Richard F. Hope, Mr. Hugh L. Pryce, and Mr. A. F. Wigram.

In pursuance of Rule 29, there being no other candidates, the President announced the following elections :

As *Vice-President* for the year 1937 : Sir Claud Schuster, G.C.B., C.V.O., K.C.

As *Elective Members of Committee* : Messrs. L. A. Ellwood, L. R. Wager, and Dr. Raymond Greene, and the following re-elections for the year 1937 :

The President, the Vice-President, Mr. J. E. C. Eaton, the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. E. S. Herbert, and the other eligible elective members of Committee.

It was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously that Messrs. H. J. Macartney and R. A. Fanshawe be appointed Auditors to audit the Club accounts for the current year.

The PRESIDENT mentioned the death of Mr. E. B. Moser, elected 1898.

The PRESIDENT informed members that a telegram of sympathy had been sent to His Holiness The Pope in the name of the Club.

Mr. H. W. TILMAN then read a Paper on 'The First Ascent of Nanda Devi,' which was illustrated by lantern slides. He was accorded an enthusiastic reception and a cordial Vote of Thanks. Professor T. Graham Brown and Dr. T. G. Longstaff took part in the discussion on the Paper.

The Club's Annual 'At Home' took place on the afternoon of Tuesday, December 8, 1936. About 340 (members and guests) attended.

THE ANNUAL WINTER DINNER took place at the Edward VII Rooms, Hotel Victoria, Northumberland Avenue, London, W.C. 2, on the evening of Tuesday, December 8, at 7.15 P.M. Covers were laid for 273, and the following were the official guests of the Club : His Excellency Baron Georg Franckenstein (Austrian Minister) ; Monsieur le Ministre Roger Cambon, C.V.O. ; Lieut.-Colonel the Lord Herbert Montagu-Douglas-Scott, C.M.G., D.S.O. ; Major-General Sir Charles Corkran, K.C.V.O., C.B., C.M.G. ; Lieut.-General Sir Hugh J. Elles, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., D.S.O. ; the Hon. Thomas Egerton ; Mr. J. C. Walton, C.B., M.C. ; Sir Claud Schuster, G.C.B., C.V.O., K.C., President of the Alpine Ski Club ; The Right Hon. L. S. Amery, M.P., President of the Ski Club of Great Britain ; Mr. A. N. Andrews, President of the Association of British Members of the Swiss Alpine Club ; Mr. Walter Barrow, President of the Midland Association of Mountaineers ; Mr. H. P. Spilsbury, President of the Wayfarers' Club ; and Mr. S. B. Donkin, President of the Climbers' Club.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall of the Royal Society, Burlington House, Piccadilly, W. 1, on Tuesday, February 23, 1937, at 8.30 P.M., Colonel E. L. Strutt, *President*, in the Chair.

The following candidates were balloted for and elected members of the Club, namely, Messrs. G. M. Bierman, J. A. Fruin, Dr. Edward Hartmann, Marco Pallis, and E. J. Roelfsema.

The PRESIDENT mentioned the deaths of the following members, namely, A. M. Bartleet, elected 1896; Wm. Villiers Brown, elected 1927; G. L. Collins, elected 1898; R. F. C. Leith, elected 1889; Ian S. Osborn, elected 1928; and the Rt. Hon. Sir Frederick Pollock, Bt., elected 1867.

The PRESIDENT also paid tribute to the late Major-General Sir Percy Z. Cox, Past-President of the Royal Geographical Society, and Chairman of the Mount Everest Committee, 1935-1937.

The PRESIDENT announced that the Committee had elected Mr. Sydney Spencer an Honorary Member of the Club.

The Report of the Special Committee on the relationship between the Mount Everest Committee and the Alpine Club was then considered. The Resolutions as set out in the circular dated February 13, 1937, were moved by the President, duly seconded, and carried *nem. con.*

A GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall of the Royal Society, Burlington House, Piccadilly, W. 1, on Tuesday, March 9, 1937, at 8.30 P.M., Colonel E. L. Strutt, *President*, in the Chair.

Mount Everest Committee.—The PRESIDENT announced the re-election of Brig.-General the Hon. C. G. Bruce, C.B., M.V.O., and the election of Dr. Raymond Greene and Mr. L. R. Wager as representatives of the Alpine Club on the Mount Everest Committee.

The Honorary Secretary and Treasurer presented the Accounts and Balance Sheet for 1936, which were unanimously adopted.

The Auditors, Messrs. H. J. Macartney and R. A. Fanshawe, received a Vote of Thanks for their work.

Mr. E. E. SHIPTON then read a Paper entitled 'Survey in the Nanda Devi District,' which was illustrated by lantern slides. Dr. T. G. Longstaff, Mr. C. G. Crawford, and the President took part in the discussion of the Paper, and Mr. Shipton was given a cordial Vote of Thanks.