

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ALPINE CLUB

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall, 74 South Audley Street, London, W. 1, on Monday, December 11, 1939, at 5 P.M., Sir Claud Schuster, G.C.B., C.V.O., K.C., *President*, in the Chair.

The PRESIDENT announced that the following candidates had been elected to membership of the Club, namely : Major Ralph A. Bagnold, Mr. C. R. Cooke, Mr. F. B. Dutton-Walker, Mr. L. R. Hewitt, Herr Stephan von Kuffner, Mr. Arthur E. Tydeman, Mr. J. Hubert Walker, and Mr. H. Bradford Washburn, Jnr.

Under the provisions of Rule 29, there being no other candidates, the President declared the following elections and re-elections as Officers and Elective Members of Committee for the year 1940 :

President : Sir Claud Schuster, G.C.B., C.V.O., K.C., re-elected.

Vice-Presidents : Mr. A. F. de Fonblanque and Mr. R. L. G. Irving vice Mr. R. W. Lloyd and Mr. G. Winthrop Young, whose terms of office expire.

Honorary Secretary and Treasurer : Mr. E. S. Herbert, re-elected.

Elective Members of Committee : Professor G. I. Finch, M.B.E., D.Sc., F.R.S., Dr. Charles F. Hadfield, and Mr. Cecil A. Hunt, R.W.S., in the places of Mr. L. A. Ellwood, Dr. Raymond Greene, and Mr. L. R. Wager, whose terms of office expire, and the other eligible Members of Committee, who were re-elected.

The PRESIDENT said he felt sure that Members would be glad if he voiced their appreciation and thanks to the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. E. S. Herbert, for the onerous duties he had undertaken during his term of office. Mr. Herbert had very kindly consented to continue in office for the present, and his action in so doing was very highly appreciated by the Committee.

Mr. J. E. C. Eaton proposed that Messrs. H. J. Macartney and Douglas Side be appointed Auditors to audit the Club Accounts for the current year. This was duly seconded, put to the vote and carried unanimously.

The PRESIDENT moved the following Resolution :—

‘ That Rule 8 be altered by the addition thereto of the following words—

‘ The Committee may during the continuance of any war between His Majesty and any European country and for such period after the cessation of such war as the Committee may think fit reduce the annual subscription payable by any member serving with His Majesty’s Forces to such sum, not being less than One Guinea, as the Committee may think fit.’

An Amendment to the above Resolution was moved in the following terms :—

‘ After the word “ Forces,” insert—

‘ or otherwise wholly engaged on Government work (not being his usual occupation) or any Members serving with the Forces of any allied country.’

This Amendment was put to the vote and carried unanimously. The members thereupon voted unanimously for the Resolution as amended.

The PRESIDENT informed the members that the Committee had decided that as far as possible in present circumstances the activities of the Club should be continued, and that General Meetings of the Club would be held on the first Tuesdays in February, March, April and May 1940. As it was desirable to ascertain what hour of the day would best suit the convenience of members for such meetings, they would be asked to vote by a show of hands whether the General Meeting in February next should be held at 5 P.M. or later. The members then discussed this question, and by a majority vote it was decided that the Meeting in February should be fixed for 6 P.M.

The PRESIDENT announced the deaths of the following members since the Club last met: A. O. Prickard, elected 1866, Hon. Member 1932; A. E. Barker, elected 1918; C. H. Brook, elected 1910; Brigadier-General The Hon. C. G. Bruce, elected 1892, President 1923; G. Ednie, elected 1926; H. G. Gotch, elected 1876; Sir Alfred Hopkinson, elected 1887; T. L. Kesteven, elected 1891, Vice-President 1923; and His Honour Judge R. E. Osborne, elected 1904.

Mr. F. S. SMYTHE then delivered a Lecture entitled ‘ Two Traverses of the Mont Blanc Range,’ which was illustrated by lantern slides. Professor G. I. Finch and Lieut. J. M. L. Gavin, R.E., took part in the discussion of the Lecture, and the pro-

ceedings concluded with the passing of a cordial Vote of Thanks to Mr. Smythe, proposed by the President.

About 110 members attended this meeting.

All other activities and functions usual at this time of the year, such as the Exhibition of Photographs, the Annual 'At Home' and Winter Dinner, were cancelled on account of the war.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall, 74 South Audley Street, London, W. 1, on Tuesday, February 6, 1940, at 6 P.M., Sir Claud Schuster, G.C.B., C.V.O., K.C., *President*, in the Chair.

The PRESIDENT announced that the Committee had elected Messrs. J. S. T. Gibson and J. A. Marsden-Neye Members of the Club.

The PRESIDENT referred to the deaths of Sir John J. Withers, who was elected in 1893, served on the Committee in 1904, was Hon. Secretary 1909-11, Vice-President 1925, and President of the Club 1932-1934; Mr. J. W. Wyatt, elected 1902, and Mr. Walter Meakin, elected 1922.

Mr. T. A. H. PEACOCKE read a Paper entitled 'Some Guideless Climbs,' which was illustrated by lantern slides. A number of members took part in the discussion of the Paper, and the reader was accorded a hearty Vote of Thanks.

Number present at the Meeting, 85.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall, 74 South Audley Street, London, W. 1, on Tuesday, March 5, 1940, at 6 P.M., Sir Claud Schuster, G.C.B., C.V.O., K.C., *President*, in the Chair.

The PRESIDENT referred to the deaths of Lord Tweedsmuir, elected 1906, and Colonel Henry Wood, elected 1919.

Mr. R. SCOTT RUSSELL then read a Paper entitled 'Karakoram, 1939,' which was illustrated by lantern slides. Amongst those shown were a number of coloured flora slides which were very delightful and amazingly clear. Mr. N. E. Odell said how much he had enjoyed the Paper and the slides.

The PRESIDENT proposed a cordial Vote of Thanks to Mr. Scott Russell, which was passed with acclamation.

The number present was about 85, including a few guests.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall, 74 South Audley Street, London, W. 1, on Tuesday, April 2, 1940, at 6 P.M., Sir Claud Schuster, G.C.B., C.V.O., K.C., *President*, in the Chair.

The PRESIDENT announced that the Committee had elected Messrs. Victor W. Dix and Guy S. Fothergill as Members of the Club.

He then referred to the deaths of the Rev. Walter Weston, who died on March 27 in his 79th year ; Dr. C. Slater, who died on March 15, aged 83 ; and Dr. Harry L. R. Dent, who died on March 9, also an octogenarian. Mr. R. V. Vernon, C.B., paid a tribute to the late Dr. H. L. R. Dent.

The Honorary Treasurer, Mr. E. S. HERBERT, presented the Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year 1939. Mr. Philip H. Pilditch proposed that the Accounts be adopted. This was duly seconded, put to the vote and carried *nem. con.*

The Honorary Auditors, Messrs. H. J. MACARTNEY, I.S.O., and Lieut. DOUGLAS SIDE, received a very cordial Vote of Thanks for their work.

The PRESIDENT offered to two members present the congratulations of the Club on reaching their Jubilee of membership of the A.C. They were : Mr. Claude A. Macdonald, ex-Vice-President of the Club, aged 81, and Mr. Charles H. Pasteur.

Other members celebrating the Jubilee of their membership this year are Mr. G. A. Solly and Mr. W. P. Haskett-Smith, to whom congratulations are offered.

Mr. G. WINTHROP YOUNG then read a Paper entitled ' Should the Mountain come to Mahomet ? '

Colonel E. L. STRUTT said that he had enjoyed the Paper very much indeed, and that he was in full agreement with Mr. Young, who supported the views he had so often advocated and expressed in the pages of this JOURNAL.

Mr. R. L. G. IRVING expressed his appreciation, and the PRESIDENT called for a Vote of Thanks to Mr. G. Winthrop Young for his most interesting Paper. This was cordially responded to by the members present.

There was an attendance of 75.

Mr. G. Winthrop Young's Paper will be published in the November number of the ALPINE JOURNAL.