

charms of the Cairngorms is their inaccessibility and lack of inns or hostels. A great fight will have to be put up against any encroachment on those solitudes by the institution of National Parks. It is devoutly to be hoped that the example of the National Trust for Scotland in forbidding the erection of hostels or the making of roads or paths in the beautiful mountain areas now under their control may be followed, if and when the Cairngorms come under national ownership. The condition into which that lovely mountain land, the English Lake District, with its innumerable cairns and signposts, has fallen, should be a warning to all lovers of our few remaining solitudes.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE ALPINE CLUB

A GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall, 74 South Audley Street, London, W. 1, on Tuesday, November 4, 1947, at 6.30 P.M., Dr. T. G. Longstaff, *President*, in the Chair.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The PRESIDENT informed members of the death of Sir Leonard Pearce. The following members spoke about Sir Leonard Pearce: Lord Schuster, Lord Chorley, Dr. Finzi, Mr. M. N. Clarke, and a note by Mr. S. B. Donkin was read by the Hon. Secretary, as Mr. Donkin was unfortunately unable to attend.

The PRESIDENT announced a very generous gift of £200 from our American member Mr. Allston Burr, also a gift of £50 from Mr. G. P. Baker. On the proposal of Lord Chorley, seconded by Mr. Geoffrey Howard, a very hearty Vote of Thanks was passed to these two members for their generous donations. The President also announced the receipt of a legacy of £300 from Mrs. Moinet, who was a daughter of the late Dr. Claude Wilson, also a legacy of \$1,000 from Mr. William Williams of New York, U.S.A.

The PRESIDENT announced that the Committee had unanimously decided to ask Dr. D. R. Pye, F.R.S., to accept nomination as Vice-President.