PROCEEDINGS OF THE ALPINE CLUB, 1954–5

DURING the year a number of additional meetings, less formal than those on the customary first Tuesday of the month, have been held and have been well attended. The full list of meetings is as under :—

1954.

September 24. Mr. J. Tucker gave an address on the Kangchenjunga Reconnaissance Expedition of 1954.

October 5. Mr. F. Spencer Chapman gave a lecture on climbing in the Pyrenees in 1954.

October 12. Lieut. F. R. Brooke showed slides of the North Greenland Expedition, 1952–4 ; and Captain M. E. B. Banks followed with slides of climbing in the Eastern Alps, 1954.

October 19. Mr. H. McArthur showed a series of slides illustrating a tour of the Alps, carried out over several years, from the Alpes Maritimes to the Julian Alps.

November 2. At this meeting, the President welcomed a visitor, Mr. John Wills, who had that summer celebrated the centenary of the famous ascent of the Wetterhorn by his great grandfather, Sir Alfred Wills, by climbing the mountain in the company of a descendant of Christian Almer.

M. André Roch showed a film of the Swiss Expedition to Dhaulagiri, 1953.

November 16. Mr. W. G. Lowe showed a film of the New Zealand Expedition to the Barun Glacier, Nepal, in 1954.

December 6 (ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING). The following were declared elected as Officers of the Club for 1955 :—

Vice-President : Mr. H. R. C. Carr, in the place of Mr. H. E. L. Porter, whose term of office expired.

Honorary Secretary : Mr. J. H. Emlyn Jones, in the place of Mr. B. R. Goodfellow, resigned.

Members of Committee : Commander C. J. W. Simpson, R.N., Mr. A. K. Rawlinson, Mr. C. G. Wickham and Mr. M. H. Westmacott, in the places of Mr. A. D. B. Side and Mr. J. H. Emlyn Jones, who retired by rotation, and Mr. R. P. Mears and Mr. W. P. Packard, who had resigned earlier in the year on going abroad.

The following were declared re-elected :—

President : Sir Edwin S. Herbert.

Vice-President : Dr. T. H. Somervell.

Honorary Treasurer : Mr. R. W. Lloyd.

Members of Committee : Mr. F. H. Keenlyside, Mr. R. C. Evans, Mr. H. N. Fairfield, Brigadier Sir John Hunt and Mr. K. C. Smith.

Auditors : Mr. Geo. W. Harris and Mr. J. R. Amphlett were re-elected.

Alterations to the Rules : The following alterations to Rules 6 and 7, having been duly circulated, were proposed and carried :

Rule 6 : in the place of the age limit of ' 25 ' in line two, substitute ' 27.'

Rule 7 : in line two, after the words ' shall be as follows,' insert :

' Ordinary Members elected after December 6, 1954, who are under the age of 27, shall pay a reduced subscription of two guineas, rising to four guineas for the year following that in which they reach their 27th birthday.' (Remainder of rule to stay unchanged.)

Mount Everest Foundation : The President made a statement about the aims and constitution of the proposed Mount Everest Foundation.

M. Alfred Tissières then gave an address on the C.U.M.C. expedition to Rakaposhi in 1954.

1955.

January 10. A joint meeting of the Royal Geographical Society and the Alpine Club was held in the hall of the R.G.S., when Professor Ardito Desio gave a lecture on the successful Italian ascent of K2 in 1954 (printed in substance in *A.J.* 60, 1–16).

January 18. Mr. C. D. Milner showed a series of slides on the theme ' Mountains for Pleasure,' illustrating climbs in the Alps and elsewhere suited particularly to the middle-aged mountaineer.

February 1. Mr. J. A. Jackson, who had been a member of the *Daily Mail* ' Abominable Snowman ' expedition to Nepal in 1954, gave an address, both on the work of that party and on his subsequent cross-country journey to Kangchenjunga.

February 16. Mr. G. H. Francis, who had been a member of a British Museum (Natural History) expedition to South America in 1954, gave an address on ' The Peruvian Andes.'

March 1. At this meeting, the President welcomed Mr. Chong-in Hong, President of the Korean Alpine Association, who was on a visit to England.

Mr. Douglas Scott, of the S.M.C., gave a lecture on ' Ice Climbing in Scotland.'

March 29. The Club Accounts for 1954 were submitted by Mr. R. W. Lloyd, Honorary Treasurer, and adopted.

Major J. O. M. Roberts read a paper on ' Dhaulagiri Himal and Putha Hiunchuli.'

April 19. Mr. Brian Brake, of the New Zealand A.C., showed a film on the mountains of New Zealand.

May 3. Sir Arnold Lunn read a paper (printed in *A.J.* 60, 135–42) entitled ' Human Nature in the Valais.'

May 17. A joint meeting was held in the Club lecture gallery with the Ladies' Alpine Club, when Mme. Claude Kogan showed slides and a film of her expeditions to the mountains of Nun Kun, Cho Oyu and the Andes.

This is the first occasion on which a meeting of the Alpine Club has been addressed by a lady. On March 3, 1953, Madame Brosio, wife of the Italian Ambassador in London, was present at a General Meeting of the Club (*A.J.* 59, 234), and during the lectures to schoolboys given in January 1949 (*A.J.* 57, 101) under the auspices of the Alpine Club, a few ladies attended at Lord Schuster's lecture on January 6.

June 7. This meeting took place during the railway strike and was thus, inevitably, thinly attended. A welcome visitor was Mr. J. H. Rose, former President of the New Zealand Alpine Club.

Mr. F. Solari, of the Rucksack Club, gave an address on ' Some Climbs in the Rockies of Wyoming.'

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