

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ALPINE CLUB.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall, 23 Savile Row, W. 1, on Tuesday, March 1, 1921, at 8.30 P.M., Professor J. Norman Collie, LL.D., F.R.S., *President*, in the Chair.

The following candidates were balloted for and elected Members of the Club, namely, Mr. Francis George Smith Clerihew and Mr. Noel Rooke.

The PRESIDENT said:—I regret to have to announce the death of Mr. J. C. Hawkshaw, a very old Member of the Club, who was elected in 1860. He died on February 15 last. In his younger days he did a good deal of climbing in the Alps, and distinguished himself in athletics at Cambridge. He was President of the Institution of Civil Engineers in 1902, and in 1915 he gave up his professional work and retired to his country-seat near Hindhead. His death means a great loss to the Club.

The PRESIDENT reported progress in connexion with the Mount Everest Expedition, and stated that the A.C. subscriptions amounted approximately to £1600, but that so far only eighty-seven Members had subscribed. The appeal for funds had now been out some time, and it was hoped that those Members who had not yet subscribed would do so at the earliest possible moment.

The Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. J. E. C. EATON, presented the accounts for 1920. Mr. Hugh E. M. Stutfield proposed the adoption of the accounts as presented, which was seconded by Mr. H. V. Reade and carried *nem. con.*

Dr. CLAUDE WILSON suggested that a Supplementary Index to the ALPINE JOURNAL embracing Volumes XVI. to XXX. should be undertaken.

Sir ALEXANDER KENNEDY proposed a vote of thanks to the Auditors, Messrs. Ralph S. Morrish and Reginald Graham, for their work in connexion with the audit, which was duly seconded and carried with acclamation.

Owing to illness, Mr. Harold Raeburn was unable to read his Paper entitled 'The Southerly Walls of Kangchenjunga and the Ratong Pass,' and in place of this the President showed lantern slides of the photographs taken by Mr. Raeburn on his expedition last summer, and gave a description of the routes followed by Mr. Raeburn and those of former explorers round Kangchenjunga and Kabru.

A discussion followed, in which Mr. D. W. Freshfield and Sir Francis Younghusband took part.

The PRESIDENT afterwards showed several photographs which had been taken by Dr. A. M. Kellas at altitudes of 16,000 and 18,000 ft.

respectively in December last, showing certain un-named big peaks to the N. of Mount Everest, which the President thought might prove to be almost as high as Mount Everest. These mountains had been seen by the members of a former expedition, when one guide gave it as his opinion that they were higher than Mount Everest.

The PRESIDENT said that the route that would be taken by the expeditionary party this year would bring them to within about 10 miles of the unknown peaks shown in the photographs of Dr. Kellas, so that their exact measurement would certainly be ascertained, but he was doubtful whether they would be found to be higher than Everest.

The proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the President, which was carried with acclamation.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall, 23 Savile Row, London, W. 1, on Tuesday, April 5, 1921, at 8.30 P.M., Professor J. Norman Collie, LL.D., F.R.S., *President*, in the Chair.

The PRESIDENT said:—With great regret I have to announce the deaths of four Members of the Club.

Mr. William Cecil Smyly, K.C., was elected a Member in 1878, and he died on March 4 last. Educated at Harrow and Cambridge, where he had a considerable reputation as an oarsman, he was called to the Bar at the age of twenty-one in 1865. He did a good deal of climbing in his younger days.

Mr. G. G. Ramsay, brother of our Member, Sir James Ramsay, Bart., was elected in 1876, and died on March 8. He had a very distinguished career, was a great scholar and no mean athlete and sportsman. He held the Chair of Humanity in Glasgow University from 1863 to 1908. He was an original member of the Scottish Mountaineering Club, served as President of that Club during the years 1889–92, and was an enthusiastic mountaineer.

Mr. E. T. Compton was elected in 1880, and he died last month at his home in Feldafing, Bavaria. Living and working among the mountains for over fifty years, during the greater part of which he was climbing as well as painting, he acquired a reputation as one of the finest painters of mountain scenery of his day. He very generously presented the Club with several of his pictures which now adorn the walls in our Reading Room. His death has caused a gap which it will be hard to fill.

Lastly, I have just been informed of the death of another old Member, Mr. W. M. Pendlebury, who was elected in 1872. Of his climbing exploits probably the most remarkable was the first ascent of Monte Rosa from Macugnaga in 1872. He was a great lover of the mountains, and was very active in his younger days.

I have now to announce that a sum of £2792 has been received from 237 subscribers to the Mount Everest Fund, and as the utmost that could have been expected was £3000, I think the Club has every reason to be proud of its contribution to this Fund. You

will be interested to hear that both Mr. Raeburn and Colonel Howard Bury are on their way to India. Mr. Mallory sails in a day or two, and the rest of the party will follow shortly. Owing to an unsatisfactory medical report, Captain George Finch has been obliged to relinquish his place on the expedition this year, but it is hoped that his health will improve sufficiently to allow of his going out next year. A substitute for Captain Finch has been found in Mr. G. H. Bullock, a Member of this Club, and an old school-fellow of Mallory's. Mr. Bullock has done a great deal of climbing for a man of his years, and I am told that he had a great reputation as an athlete when at Winchester. I believe the choice is an admirable one. The stores for the party with the tents and other equipment were despatched a day or two ago.

I should now like to call your attention to the great and admirable work which has been accomplished by Mr. Sydney Spencer in arranging and cataloguing the Photographic and Lantern Slide Collections of the Club. This has been no small task, and I am sure that Members will desire to pass a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Spencer for his labours.

Sir ALEXANDER KENNEDY then proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded Mr. Sydney Spencer. This was seconded by Mr. C. H. R. Wollaston and carried with acclamation.

Mr. J. A. OSLER read a Paper entitled 'A First Visit to the Rockies,' which was illustrated by lantern slides.

At the conclusion of the Paper Mr. A. L. MUMM showed some slides of the Mt. Freshfield group and others which he had taken last year, after which Mr. Osler showed some coloured slides.

A discussion followed, in which Mr. Hugh E. M. Stutfield, Mr. G. A. Solly, and the President took part.

Mr. SOLLY mentioned that he had recently been informed by Mr. Wheeler that the summer camp of the Canadian Alpine Club would be held at Lake O'Hara this year, and that it was hoped that some Members of the Alpine Club would contrive to attend.

The PRESIDENT said :—I know of no more beautiful lake than Lake O'Hara, both for colouring and scenery, and I am quite sure no one would regret the journey out there. I now ask you to pass a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. J. A. Osler for his most interesting Paper and the very beautiful slides he has shown to us this evening.

The vote of thanks was carried with acclamation and the proceedings terminated.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall, 23 Savile Row, London, W. 1, on Tuesday, May 3, 1921, at 8.30 P.M., Professor J. Norman Collie, LL.D., F.R.S., *President*, in the Chair.

The PRESIDENT said :—First of all, I have to announce the death of Mr. H. A. Beachcroft, which has been recently reported to the Honorary Secretary. Mr. H. A. Beachcroft was elected a Member of the Club in 1876, and I believe before that date he did a very

considerable amount of climbing in the Alps, but I regret I cannot give you any details.

The following Resolution, of which notice had been duly given in the Secretarial Circular dated April 16, 1921, was proposed by Mr. J. J. Withers and seconded by Mr. Reginald Graham.

Resolved that the following addition be made to Rule 6, viz.—
‘ Provided that an Ordinary Member who, on election, is an Officer of the Indian Army serving in India, shall pay an Entrance Fee of One Guinea only.’

This Resolution was then put to the meeting and carried *nem. con.*

The PRESIDENT announced that a sum of £3077 had been subscribed to the Mount Everest Fund by Members and others.

Mr. R. W. LLOYD then read a Paper entitled ‘ An Old and a New Climb,’ which was illustrated by lantern slides. A discussion followed, in which Sir Edward Davidson and Mr. Geoffrey Howard took part.

The PRESIDENT said :—Mr. Lloyd seems to have accomplished some very good climbs in doubtful weather. Of course, anyone who knows anything about the Dent Blanche knows how bad it can be in bad weather. It can be very savage, but after some weeks of fine weather it can also be quite easy. It is an extremely long expedition, and therefore the climb seems to me to be one which should only be attempted in very fine weather. I now ask you to pass a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Lloyd for his most interesting Paper, and for the fine slides he has shown us.

The vote of thanks was carried with acclamation and the proceedings terminated.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall, 23 Savile Row, London, W. 1, on Tuesday, June 7, 1921, at 9 P.M., Professor J. Norman Collie, LL.D., F.R.S., *President*, in the Chair.

The following candidates were balloted for and elected Members of the Club, namely, Mr. Sergei de Vesselitsky, Lt.-Col. W. W. Foster, D.S.O., and the Rev. J. F. Medley.

The PRESIDENT said :—The next business is to announce the deaths of those Members who have died since the last meeting.

The first is that of the Rev. Prebendary W. E. Durham who, as you probably all know, met his death last Whitsuntide whilst climbing Tryfan, in North Wales. We all sympathise very much with the family. It is seldom that one has to announce here the death of any Member through an accident, but we all know that accidents can happen at any moment, and that we cannot always guard against them. It is particularly unfortunate that Prebendary Durham should have been killed in this way. He was a comparatively old man when elected to the Club in 1908, having nearly reached his fiftieth year, but he was, nevertheless, extremely active. He was known to many of you personally, and he took the greatest

interest in the welfare of the Club. He was Prebendary of Exeter Cathedral and Rector of Trusham, Devonshire.

The other death I have to mention is that of an older Member of the Club, namely, Dr. C. B. Heberden. He was elected in 1892. He took the greatest interest in the Alpine Club at Oxford, and the climbers there. I was quite recently at a meeting of the Oxford Alpine Club which he attended.

I have now to submit for your approval the arrangements for the Winter Dinner as set out in the circular dated May 21, 1921. Thereupon Mr. C. H. R. Wollaston proposed, and Mr. J. J. Withers seconded, that the arrangements be approved. This was put to the meeting and carried *nem. con.*

The PRESIDENT said:—I have been asked to mention that Mr. H. Pollard, of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, has presented to the Club, through Mr. A. L. Mumm, a very fine photograph taken in the Canadian Rockies. I am sure the Club will be delighted to accept this photograph, which is now on view in the Secretary's room, and the Honorary Secretary has been requested to convey to Mr. Pollard our united thanks for his gift.

Before I call upon Mr. Sidney Young to read his Paper, I should just like to give you the latest information concerning the Everest Expedition. A telegram has been received from Colonel Howard Bury, saying that the expeditionary party has now crossed into Tibet. They started from Darjeeling about the middle of May, the advance party proceeding up the Teesta Valley in order to correct the Sikkim maps, and the others up the Chumbi Valley. It is evident that they have now crossed the snow-pass into Tibet, so that by this time they should be well on their way to Mount Everest. From Kampa Dzong to Tingri will take them about a week, possibly a little more, but from now on we should get periodical communications, which they can send by telegraph. Dr. A. M. Kellas has been doing a tremendous amount of work out there, and has sent me some excellent photographs.

Mr. SIDNEY YOUNG then read a Paper entitled 'A Traverse of the Weisshorn in 1920,' which was illustrated by lantern slides. After the Paper he showed the following slides of the Andes :

1. The Inca Lake, about 10,000 ft. above sea-level.
2. Train entering tunnel on the Chilian side of Andes,
12,000 ft.
3. Rio Blanco Valley, Chilian side.
4. Puente del Inca, 8-9000 ft. up.
5. Penitentes, 14-15,000 ft.
6. Looking W. from Puente del Inca.
7. Looking E. from Puente del Inca.
8. Earth pyramids, Horcones Valley.
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- 10) Aconcagua from Horcones Valley.
- 11)

Mr. C. F. Bennett and Mr. R. W. Lloyd took part in the discussion which followed ; this was eventually closed by the President, who proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Young for his Paper and the very fine views he had shown, which was carried with acclamation.

ADDENDA AND CORRIGENDA TO VOL. XXXIII.

P. 292, line 14, for *the late Commissioner of Lahoul (Mr. Hughes)* read *Mr. G. C. L. Howell, the late Deputy Commissioner of Kulu.*

P. 323, line 4 of footnote, for 448 read 449.

P. 324, last line, for *le* read *de*.

P. 330, footnote, for *Arvers* read *Duthaut*.

P. 335, line 5, insert *de* before *Rochas*.

P. 335, line 4, for 1776 read 1777.

P. 335, line 31, for 193 read 194.

P. 335, line 32, for *dit* read *assuré*.

P. 391, line 13 from bottom, for 151 read 145.

P. 458, line 9 from bottom, read *Oberschalljoch*.