

The Committee regret very much the decision which you have arrived at; they think that in similar circumstances the parties discovering the accident ought immediately to make all possible efforts to reach the bodies and ascertain beyond any possibility of doubt whether any person survives and whether help can be rendered or not. If this is not feasible, they ought to return with the utmost speed to the nearest suitable place to give the alarm and send assistance. Perhaps you will kindly note this statement of their opinion.

The Alpine Club is most appreciative of the efforts of the search party.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours truly,

(Signed) JOHN J. WITHERS,
President.

HERRN DR. GUGLER,
President Swiss Alpine Club,
Baden.

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 31, 1933, at 8.30 P.M., Sir John J. Withers, C.B.E., LL.D., M.P., *President*, in the Chair.

The following candidates were balloted for and elected Members of the Club, namely, Herr Paul F. P. Bauer, Professor P. G. H. Boswell, Lt.-Col. M. L. A. Gompertz, Mr. I. Peace Hazard, Mr. S. R. Hobday, Mr. E. C. Mengel, Dr. Hugo Rast, Mr. F. Oakes Smith, Mr. George Starkey, and the Rev. Canon A. E. Thompson.

The PRESIDENT mentioned the deaths of Signor Gonella, elected 1891; Mr. H. F. Montagnier, elected 1903; Dr. Eric Slack, elected 1907; Mr. E. V. Slater, elected 1908; Mr. H. E. E. Howson, elected 1924; and Mr. E. W. Powell, elected 1925.

The PRESIDENT, referring to the Piz Roseg accident, put the following resolutions to the Club:

‘That the Alpine Club at its first general meeting after the summer vacation:

‘(1) Wishes to record its grateful thanks to the Rev. Chancellor Ponsonby, the British Chaplain at Pontresina, and Mrs. Ponsonby, for the great kindness and sympathy shown by them on the occasion of the fatal accident to the four Eton masters on Piz Roseg on August 17, 1933, and requests the Honorary Secretary to convey this resolution to the Rev. Chancellor and Mrs. Ponsonby accordingly.

‘(2) Wishes to record its grateful thanks to Herr L. and Frau Gredig of the Kronenhof, Pontresina, and the members of

their family on the occasion of the fatal accident to the four Eton masters on Piz Roseg on August 17, 1933, and requests the Honorary Secretary to convey this resolution to Herr and Frau Gredig accordingly.

' (3) Wishes to record its grateful thanks to Lord Wright and Professor Corning for the valuable services rendered by them in connection with the burial of the four Eton masters lost on Piz Roseg on August 17, 1933, and wishes the Honorary Secretary to convey this resolution to Lord Wright and Professor Corning accordingly.'

These three resolutions were adopted unanimously.

The PRESIDENT announced that the Committee had elected as Honorary Members of the Club, His Excellency General Angelo Manaresi, President of the Club Alpino Italiano, and Dr. Julius Kugy.

Mr. HUGH RUTTLEDGE then gave an account of the Everest Expedition, 1933, and his talk was illustrated by lantern slides. Brigadier E. F. Norton, Mr. F. S. Smythe, Dr. Raymond Greene, and Dr. Claude Wilson contributed to the ensuing discussion. Mr. Hugh Ruttledge was accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall, 23 Savile Row, London, W. 1, on Monday, December 11, 1933, at 8.30 P.M., Sir John J. Withers, C.B.E., LL.D., M.P., *President*, in the Chair.

The following candidates were balloted for and elected Members of the Club, namely, Messrs. William Sharman Bull, Herbert Edward Cooke, Conrad O'Brien French, Charles Sydney How, Alexander Dougal Malcolm, George Abercromby Mitchell (jun.), Reginald Leslie Morrish, Roderick Syme, Louis Wibratte, and Arthur Denis Williamson.

The PRESIDENT, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 27, there being no other candidates, declared the following members elected as officers and elective members of Committee for the year 1934, namely :

Vice-President.—Mr. C. F. Meade in the place of Mr. Claude A. Macdonald, whose term of office expires.

Elective Members of Committee.—Mr. Hugh Ruttledge in the place of the late Mr. H. E. E. Howson, and Messrs. C. G. Crawford, H. J. Macartney, and H. R. Roger-Smith in the places of Messrs. Walter Barrow, J. C. Gait, and F. S. Smythe, whose terms of office expire.

The following were re-elected to office : the President, the Vice-President, Mr. T. L. Kesteven, the Hon. Secretary and the other eligible members of Committee.

Dr. T. G. LONGSTAFF proposed that Messrs. H. J. Macartney and H. J. Gait be appointed auditors to audit the Club accounts for 1933. This was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

The PRESIDENT mentioned the deaths of Sir H. Seymour King, Bt., elected 1880 ; Major-General Sir George H. Makins, elected 1888 ; Mr. J. E. Bode, elected 1890 ; and Mr. H. A. Millington, elected 1907.

A Film of the Everest Expedition, 1933, was then shown, and Mr. C. G. Crawford was the commentator.

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 12, at 7.15 p.m. Covers were laid for 273, and the following were the official guests of the Club : The Austrian Minister, Baron Georg Franckenstein ; Major-General Sir Percy Cox, G.C.M.G., G.C.I.E., K.C.S.I., President of the Royal Geographical Society ; Sir William H. Bragg, O.M., K.B.E., F.R.S., D.Sc. ; His Excellency Signor Commendatore Avv. Giovanni Bobba ; the Rev. Chancellor Ponsonby ; Mr. Gerald Seligman ; Mr. W. M. Roberts, O.B.E., President of the Association of British Members of the Swiss Alpine Club ; Mr. W. G. Milligan, President of the Fell and Rock Climbing Club ; Mr. F. Gilbert Brettell, President of the Midland Association of Mountaineers ; Mr. H. MacRobert, President of the Scottish Mountaineering Club ; and Mr. J. M. Davidson, Vice-President of the Yorkshire Ramblers' Club.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall, 23 Savile Row, London, W. 1, on Tuesday, February 6, 1934, at 8.30 p.m., Sir John J. Withers, C.B.E., LL.D., M.P., *President*, in the Chair.

The following candidates were balloted for and elected Members of the Club, namely, Messrs. W. J. Foster, A. A. Galloway, R. B. Graham, J. Greeves, the Hon. W. N. M. Hogg, Peter Lloyd, the Hon. B. Pleydell-Bouverie, N. R. Rice, Dr. S. T. Seccombe, and E. A. M. Wedderburn.

Members were notified that the Rt. Hon. Lord Conway of Allington had been elected an Honorary Member of the Club.

The PRESIDENT mentioned the deaths of the following members, namely, G. E. Maude, elected 1880 ; G. W. Lloyd, elected 1902 ; H. Edwards, elected 1909 ; Colonel Henry Howard, elected 1910 ; and E. C. Francis, elected 1913.

The PRESIDENT said : Members will be grieved to hear that Mr. D. W. Freshfield, our oldest member, is very seriously ill, and he felt sure they would like the Hon. Secretary to send him a message of sympathy from the members of the Club. The Hon. Secretary was requested to act accordingly.

Dr. G. F. ABERCROMBIE then read a Paper on 'The Picos de Europa,' which was illustrated by lantern slides. Mr. A. W. Andrews and Mr. R. W. Lloyd took part in the ensuing discussion, and the proceedings terminated with the passing of a cordial vote of thanks to Dr. Abercrombie.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall, 23 Savile Row, London, W. 1, on Tuesday, March 6, 1934, at 8.30 P.M., Sir John J. Withers, C.B.E., LL.D., M.P., *President*, in the Chair.

The following candidates were balloted for and elected Members of the Club, namely, Messrs. M. G. Meade-King, Willy Merkl, M. H. W. Ritchie, Gerald Seligman, and H. W. Tilman.

The PRESIDENT referred to the deaths of :

His Majesty the King of the Belgians, who was elected an Honorary Member of the Club in 1912.

Mr. Douglas W. Freshfield, elected an ordinary member of the Club in 1864, President 1893–1895, and an Honorary Member in 1924.

Monsieur Julien Gallet, elected an Honorary Member of the Club in 1918. A well-known writer and author of several charming books on the Alps.

Conrad Kain, the well-known guide, who died in Canada ; and Fräulein Marie Biner, *coiffeuse* at Zermatt.

Sir CLAUD SCHUSTER then read a Paper entitled ‘An Abstract Alpine Subject.’ Colonel E. L. Strutt, Dr. Claude Wilson, Mr. G. Winthrop Young, and Dr. T. G. Longstaff took part in the ensuing discussion. Sir Claud Schuster was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his admirable Paper.