

In this connexion it may be mentioned that an invitation was extended to our Honorary Member, Field-Marshal Smuts to dine with the Club during his sojourn in this country. Owing to great pressure of work, he very reluctantly had to decline.

Since March 1941, a proposal has been before the Committee for the publication of a History of the Alpine Club. After prolonged consideration, it was resolved :

- (a) that the subject of the book should be the history of the Alpine Club, in its relationship with the development of the British attitude towards mountain climbing, and with the development of mountaineering in general :
- (b) that Mr. H. E. G. Tyndale and Mr. R. L. G. Irving should be invited to undertake the joint authorship :
- (c) that a small committee, consisting of Sir Claud Schuster, Colonel Strutt and Mr. G. Winthrop Young, should be appointed, to advise and consult with the joint authors, whenever occasion should arise.

In April 1942, Mr. Tyndale and Mr. Irving having accepted, it was decided to invite them to proceed forthwith with the production of the book, and tentative discussions with regard to publication were begun with a firm of publishers.

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 Tuesday, December 8, 1942, at 3 P.M., Mr. G. Winthrop Young, *President*, in the Chair.

THE PRESIDENT announced that at their meeting that afternoon the Committee had elected the following candidates, namely : Mr. J. E. Q. Barford, Dr. Jakub Z. Bujak, Capt. F. R. G. Chew, Mr. R. S. Dadson, Capt. James B. Joyce, R.A.M.C., and re-elected Surgeon-Lieut. J. C. Ryle, R.N.V.R.

As provided by 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 1943 :

Vice-President : Mr. H. MacRobert, in the place of Mr. C. H. Pasteur whose term of office expires.

Elective Members of Committee : Mr. Peter Bicknell, Mr. Michael Harmer, Mr. Robert Jeffrey, Dr. G. Graham Macphee, Dr. George Salt, and Dr. C. B. M. Warren, in the places of Professor G. I. Finch, M.B.E., D.Sc., F.R.S., Dr. Charles F. Hadfield and Mr. Cecil A. Hunt, R.W.S., whose terms of office expire ; Flight-Lieut. Lord David Douglas-Hamilton, R.A.F.V.R., and Lieut. C. W. F. Noyce, K.R.R.C., resigned, now serving abroad ; and the late G. R. Speaker.

Re-elections : Mr. G. Winthrop Young, *President*, Dr. J. H. Clapham, C.B.E., *Vice-President*, Mr. Bryan Donkin, *Hon. Secretary and Treasurer*, and the other eligible Elective Members of Committee, namely, Mr. Bentley Beetham, Dr. N. S. Finzi and Dr. E. H. Stevens.

Mr. G. L. Bartrum proposed that Mr. Herbert E. Cooke and Mr. A. U. Sarpy be appointed Auditors to audit the Club Accounts for the current year. This was seconded by Dr. N. S. Finzi, put to the vote and carried unanimously.

THE PRESIDENT referred to the deaths of Dr. J. Norman Collie, Mr. J. P. Somers, Mr. E. S. Tattersall and Mr. G. R. Speaker. Several of the older members present paid tribute to the memories of the deceased members. In Memoriam notices will be found in this number of ALPINE JOURNAL.

Dr. J. H. Clapham, C.B.E., then read a paper entitled 'How it all began,' which was later on discussed by Mr. R. L. G. Irving, Mr. H. E. G. Tyndale, Mr. J. E. C. Eaton, Dr. Charles F. Hadfield and others, and the President closed the meeting by proposing a cordial Vote of Thanks to Dr. Clapham for his charming, interesting and enjoyable contribution to the afternoon's proceedings.

About 60 members attended.

Before the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, an INFORMAL LUNCHEON for members only was held at Grosvenor House, Park Lane, London, W.1, at 1 P.M., Mr. G. Winthrop Young, *President*, in the Chair. Covers were laid for 44.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall, 74 South Audley Street, London, W.1, on Saturday, March 6, 1943, at 6 P.M., Mr. G. Winthrop Young, *President*, in the Chair.

THE PRESIDENT referred to the deaths of Mr. R. V. Vernon, elected 1910 and Mr. Reginald Room, elected 1936. Mr. C. G. Markbreiter and Mr. S. de V. Merriman paid tributes to their memories.

THE HON TREASURER, Mr. Bryan Donkin, then presented the Accounts for 1942. These were discussed and eventually adopted *nem. con.*

A VOTE OF THANKS to the Auditors, Messrs. H. E. Cooke and A. U. Sarpy, was passed.

Mr. H. MacRobert then read a Paper entitled 'Ski Mountaineering in Scotland' which was illustrated by lantern slides and films. Mr. Gerald Seligman opened a discussion on the Paper. He was followed by Mr. P. J. H. Unna, and the President closed the meeting with a Vote of Thanks to Mr. MacRobert for the pleasure he had afforded them.

About 35 members attended.

At the INFORMAL DINNER after the meeting held at Brown's Hotel, Albemarle Street, W.1, there were 21 members and guests.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall, 74 South Audley Street, London, W.1, on Tuesday, April 6, 1943, at 6 P.M., Mr. G. Winthrop Young, *President*, in the Chair.

THE PRESIDENT announced that the Committee had elected Mr. F. A. Pullinger to membership of the Club.

Reference was made to the death of Mr. V. T. Ellwood, elected 1923, who died suddenly on March 23. He took an active part in the revival of the Cambridge University Mountaineering Club in 1919. The President also mentioned the death of a Swiss Member, Monsieur E. R. Blanchet, elected 1922. Col. E. L. Strutt paid a tribute to his memory.

Dr. E. H. Stevens then read a Paper entitled 'Some Familiar Traverses,' which was illustrated by lantern slides. Professor T. Graham Brown, the Rt. Hon. L. S. Amery and the President, contributed to the discussion which followed, and the proceedings closed with a cordial Vote of Thanks to Dr. E. H. Stevens.

Present, 58, including a few guests.

At an INFORMAL DINNER at Brown's Hotel, Albemarle Street, London, W.1, after the General Meeting, there were 21 members and guests.