

## ALPINE NOTES

THE ALPINE CLUB OBITUARY :	Year of Election.
Montandon, Paul (Honorary Member) . . . . .	1918
de Fonblanque, A. F. (C. 1928, V-P. 1940) . . . . .	1892
Strutt, Lt.-Col. E. L. (C. 1912, V-P. 1916, E. 1927, P. 1935) . . . . .	1895
Hood, N. L. . . . .	1906
Mason, A. E. W. . . . .	1908
Tyndale, H. E. G. (C. 1927, E. 1938, V-P. 1947) . . . . .	1909
Morrish, R. S. (C. 1923) . . . . .	1910
Western, G. T. . . . .	1914
Langford-James, Rev. R. L. . . . .	1919

THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY. Mr. F. Oughton, who has been Assistant Secretary of the Alpine Club since 1911, retired in October last. The Club extends to him their good wishes for the years of his retirement, and their thanks for his long and valuable services.

THE LATE C. W. PATCHELL. (*A. J.* 54. 191).—The Rev. A. E. Murray writes :—

‘Members of the Club who have climbed in Norway will like to know that the people of Øye, Norangsfjord have put up an impressive memorial stone to the late C. W. Patchell, who spent some forty summers at Øye, and climbed every mountain in the district, as well as many other Norwegian peaks.

‘The monument stands in a splendid position on the Øye-Hellessylt road, about half a mile from Øye ; it was erected last May.

‘Patchell, besides being an indefatigable climber, was responsible for organising the erection of what has come to be known as the “Patchell Hut,” which the villagers of Øye built. This hut is in constant use, for climbing Smorskredtind, Brekktind, &c.

‘Patchell also devoted much time to keeping open the mountain tracks, by regularly cutting down the undergrowth and by marking them by cairns and peeled trees.’

MR. G. HASLER.—Our ever-green member has increased his record of ascents of the Faulhorn (see *A. J.* 56. 185), which in July stood at the figure of 208. He has, however, a little more to do before he reaches the rival figure of 252 ascents of the Riffelhorn by the late Sir Edward Davidson (*A. J.* 35. 265), and we hope we may in a few years have occasion to congratulate him on eclipsing the latter figure.

AMERICAN VISITORS.—During the past summer we have had the pleasure of visits to the Club rooms of three of our American members—Dr. Monroe Thorington, Mr. J. E. Fisher, and Mr. Henry S. Hall.

ANDES OF PATAGONIA.—A short account of three first ascents in this range has been published in *Die Alpen*, vol. XXIV, No. 10, 1948.

ALPINE CLUB SUMMER MEET, 1948.—The Alpine Club organised a Meet at Kleine Scheidegg in July and August of this year. It was intended primarily for non-members of the A.C. and the total attendance, over a period of about four weeks, was 90. Despite the generally bad weather, the Meet seems to have been more fortunate than were many people in the Alps this year, and the general testimony is that the Meet was a great success.

It is intended in the next number of the Alpine Journal to give an account of the gathering.

NEW CLIMBS.—Dr. G. Graham Macphee writes :

‘ I spent over a month abroad in 1948, but owing to bad weather accomplished nothing but fruitless visits to huts in the first three and a half weeks.

‘ On August 23, with Signor P. Ghiglione, I ascended the Tour d’Entreves by a new variation (much snow on the rocks), and went up to the Torino Hut for the night. On August 24, with the Courmayeur guide Arturo Ottoz, we made a new route up the E. face of Mont Maudit. We left the hut 06.00 hrs, reaching the foot of the climb 08.00, ascended to the left of the big rocky buttress on the S. side of Col Maudit, and reached the top of the climb (ca. 4250 metres) 15.20 hrs. We returned to the Torino Hut by the Col du Midi in soft snow, too late for the last teleferique down!

‘ The climb was of considerable difficulty for two and a half hours ; then a dangerous couloir was crossed and it became harder. No stance was reached during the whole climb where the entire party could for-gather for a meal. Nineteen pitons were inserted. Total length about 700 metres.

‘ Signor Chiglione has done two other new climbs this season, the last a new route up the S. face of the Grandes Jorasses, the most direct climb on the mountain, about 1000 metres long, a succession of chim-neys, slabs, and a serac wall.’

FRITZ OGI, SENIOR.—This well-known figure at Kandersteg is reported as having died last winter. He was the son of the Fritz Ogi who did many of the first ascents in that region (see *A. J.* 32. 275) and was himself the father of a large family of sons, all of them excellent guides. Group-Captain W. D. Macpherson, who referred to him in his article on ‘ Climbs from the Frunden Hut ’ (*A. J.* 51. 98 sqq), writes of him appreciatively as an excellent guide and a great gentleman, with whom it was a pleasure to travel.

FRITZ AMATTER, 1873–1948.—Mr. G. Hasler writes :—

‘ My old “ guide and comrade both ” died in his sleep about a month ago. In his old age he had become a lonely man, rather deaf, for years a widower and a trifle crochety, but still full of vigour and ready to play

a prank any day. A motor car, parked in a silly place in our village, he chained with a padlock to a hydrant a few days before he died, and the policeman had to free it. He liked to wander about by night and so came to his death on Mannlichen, where he fell a few feet, broke a leg and a few ribs which pierced his lung, and so died quietly in a nursing home at Interlaken.

' My first acquaintance with Fritz goes back nearly forty-seven years, when he and his brother-in-law Rudolf Burgener carried supplies to the Bergli Hut, where Christian Jossi and I stayed nearly a week in January 1902. In *A. J.* 54 (pp. 163-8) I have given a fairly full " curriculum vitae " of Amatter, together with a typical photograph, so there is really little to be added to his Alpine career. Expeditions like the first ascent of the N.E. face of Finsteraarhorn in 1904 and the Mittelegi ridge of Eiger, form some of his most brilliant exploits. Names of well-known climbers are ever-recurring in his " Führerbuch." I will mention only a few: Yoko Maki; " S.K.H. Prinz Chichibu von Japan " (thus styled in his Führerbuch); the Osbornes, F. A. Bewes, Dr. Tauber, Val. A. Fynn; W. E. Durham; Marion Raymond; Marie Hampson Simpson; Th. Frhr. von Hahn; Julian Grande; Alan Greaves, T. Fowell Buxton, and many more whom it is impossible to mention.

' Needless to say, his " repertoire " ranged all over the Alps, and even went as far as Dartmoor and the Isle of Skye.

' And so another " alter Kampe " has gone to his rest on the " Frythof by d'r Chilchen " in Grindelwald. May he rest in peace !'

#### ACCIDENTS IN 1948 :—

Few years, at any rate up to the end of August (for September is reported to have been much better), have been so unkind to climbers as the summer of 1948. Accidents on the mountains are, apparently, rather heavier than usual, but details generally are missing. The Matterhorn in particular has been a scene of disaster. Three Oxford undergraduates, who had set out guideless one Sunday in July, reached about half-way on the Hörnli ridge when one of them is believed to have slipped and dragged down the others.

Four members of the Monte Rosa Section of the S.A.C., Albert Lathion, Denys, Constant and Urbain Zufferey, were killed near the old hut in circumstances which remain obscure. It seems that they had renounced their attempt on the summit and had left the Solvay Hut on their way down to the Hörnli. During the descent they were obliged to shelter from a squall. The guide, Nestor Crettex, who was at the lower hut—Hörnli—stated that he made several attempts to establish contact with the party, but that it was absolutely impossible to stand upright or even to breathe outside the hut.

On the Weisshorn, a party in August were seen on the Schalligrat, but no further trace was found of them. The weather was bad.

Two Swiss, Paul Darioli and Maurice Antille, on August 14, climbed the Dent Blanche by the E. arête, reaching the summit at 6 P.M. On the descent towards the Rossier hut, Darioli, whilst awaiting his companion,

who was roping down a difficult stretch above him, suddenly fell (no reason is given) and was killed. His body was eventually retrieved by a party from Haudères.

BRUNEGGJOCH, JULY 27.—Charles Eggimann fell into a crevasse on the Aberg Glacier in an endeavour to cross it by a snow bridge which collapsed. His companion descended with all speed to Topali, but by the time the first of the rescuers reached the scene it was discovered that the victim had fallen further into the crevasse. More help arriving, he was eventually drawn out and transported to the hospital at Viege, where he died. There seems to be some doubt whether the two climbers were roped.

DENT D'HÉRENS.—This accident occurred about the middle of September on the Grandes Murailles. The guide Arthur Pellissier of Val Tournanche accompanied by two climbers from Milan were killed. Two rescue parties have, so far, failed to recover the bodies.

GRANDE PUCELLE, AUGUST 22.—Camille Gresoni, a member of the Gruyère Section of the S.A.C., had a fall on the Grand Pucelle. Held by his companion, he was killed by shock, and his body remained suspended by the rope.

JUNGFRAU, AUGUST 22.—Two members of the Chaux-de-Fonds Section of the S.A.C.—Charles Sorgen and Paul Kobza—accompanied by Mlle. F. Jordi, were surprised by a storm on their ascent via the Rottal. They were forced to descend to the Rottalsattel where the storm obliged them to bivouac. In the morning following, both men were found to be dead.

AIGUILLE MUMMERY.—Pierre Leiniger, a brilliant climber and an 'aspirant-guide' fell to his death on an ascent of the Aig. Mummery. A block of stone became detached and fell, cutting the rope between Pierre Leiniger and the guide Louis Lachenal.

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