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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE ALPINE CLUB

A GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall, 74 South Audley Street, on Tuesday, April 6, at 6.30 P.M.

About 55 members were present.

H.E. Gen. Sir Kaiser Shumshere, Ambassador of Nepal, was present.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Hon. Secretary announced the election to the Club of Mr. G. F. Dixon and Mr. D. L. Glegg, and the re-election of Mr. W. B. Carslake.

The Hon. Secretary announced that the Swiss authorities would give special consideration to applications for Swiss Currency from members of the Club.

The retiring Housekeeper, Mr. G. A. Mitchell, was invited to join the meeting, and the President thanked him warmly for his and Mrs. Mitchell's long service to the Club and for his generous gift of a writing desk to the Club. He handed him a wrist watch, a gold pencil and an engraved silver ash tray for himself and Mrs. Mitchell as a gift from members of the Club in recognition of their help and courtesy given over many years. Mr. Mitchell expressed his thanks to the President and the Club.

The PRESIDENT announced that Mr. T. S. Blakeney had been appointed Assistant Secretary to succeed Mr. Oughton.

The Hon. Treasurer presented the accounts for 1947. He drew attention to the fact that the overdraft shown was smaller than would normally have been the case on account of gifts and legacies which had been received.

He announced that the Hall lettings booked for 1948 already amounted to £490, which was £230 more than was obtained in 1947, and that the new Assistant Secretary had accepted a salary of £350 a year. If the rate of lettings could be maintained the revenue balance should be £400 better in 1949.

Mr. Unna drew attention to the item described as 'Capital' in the Balance Sheet, and suggested that this should be split up to show how much was represented by:—

- (a) Surplus in Revenue Account.
- (b) Legacies.
- (c) Old Premises Account.

He also drew attention to the high costs of General Meetings in 1947.

The Hon. Secretary presented the Annual Report.

Mr. Unna asked that the B.M.C. Council Report should be made available to the members.

Mr. T. H. Tilly read a paper on the 'Ascent of Chomiomo,' which was illustrated by lantern slides.

The following took part in a discussion after the meeting: Maj. H. W. Tilman, Mr. F. S. Smythe, Mr. Basil Goodfellow, Mr. C. W. F. Noyce, during which the fine example which had been set of climbing a mountain of such height in a short expedition without previous training was commented on, and the uncertain future for the Sherpa porters and of Antharkay, the head porter on this expedition, in particular was mentioned.

The PRESIDENT thanked Mr. Tilly for his paper and congratulated him on his successful expedition.

A GENERAL MEETING was held in the Hall, 74 South Audley Street, on Tuesday, April 13, at 6.30 P.M.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Annual Accounts, presented at the last meeting, were accepted by the Club and passed.

Col. Walter A. Wood, the President of the American Alpine Club, read a paper entitled 'Aerial Mountaineering' and showed a coloured film illustrating his expedition to Mount Wood and Mount Walsh in Alaska.

A discussion followed during which Mr. L. S. Amery congratulated Col. Wood and Mrs. Wood who took the film, on the wonderful photography and exceedingly beautiful film. He pointed out that the complete success of the expedition was clearly due both to high mountaineering performance as well as very efficient organisation and technical arrangements, although he was critical of the possible developments from dropping stores by parachute.

Prof. Graham Brown emphasised the great saving in time and pack transport provided by air transport. He also stressed the enormous size of the mountain faces in the Alaskan Range, even compared with those in the Himalaya.

Mr. Winthrop Young expressed his appreciation of the beautiful composition and colour of the scenes shewn and complimented Col. Wood on the skill with which the film was made.

Mr. F. S. Smythe and Wing-Commander Beauman also spoke.

The PRESIDENT summed up the discussion and thanked Col. Wood for showing such a remarkable film and congratulated him on the complete competence and efficiency shown throughout the expedition.

He asked Col. Wood to give his greetings and those of the Club to the American Alpine Club.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held at 74 South Audley Street, on Tuesday, May 4, at 6.30 P.M. Dr. Raymond Green, Vice-President, in the chair; about 60 members were present.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Dr. Greene announced the election of M. Albert Bois de Chesne as an Honorary Member.

The Hon. Secretary announced the election to the Club of :—

Maj. W. G. S. Brooke.  
Maj. A. L. Cram, M.C.  
Mr. J. Sanseverino.  
Mr. G. L. Travis.

The Hon. Secretary announced that the subscriptions to the Pension Fund now amounted to :—

	£	s.	d.
Donations . . . . .	1,108	3	0
Annual Subscriptions . . . . .	24	5	0
Seven Year Covenants . . . . .	67	13	0

The Hon. Secretary announced that so far only 25 tickets had been sold for the Summer Dinner on June 1. He asked that those intending to come should apply soon so that the room could be definitely booked.

Mr. J. S. Gilkison, a member of the New Zealand Alpine Club, read a paper describing the history of the ascents of Mount Tasman, and shewed slides illustrating that mountain and other scenes typical of mountaineering and mountain travelling in New Zealand.

In discussion afterwards, Mr. Goodfellow and Mr. R. Scott Russell spoke, and Prof. G. I. Finch congratulated Mr. Gilkison on reading a model paper dealing completely with the history of one of the world's finest mountains, and congratulated the N.Z.A.C. on the very high standard of ice-mountaineering achieved.

In conclusion, Dr. Raymond Greene thanked Mr. Gilkison very warmly for his paper, on behalf of the Club.

**NEW EDITOR OF THE ALPINE JOURNAL**

Professor T. GRAHAM BROWN, F.R.S., has been appointed Editor in the place of the late H. E. G. Tyndale.