

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE ALPINE CLUB.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall, 23, Savile Row, London, W. 1, on Tuesday, April 1, 1924, at 8.30 p.m., Mr. A. D. Godley, *Vice-President*, in the Chair.

The following candidates were balloted for and elected Members of the Club, namely, Mr. Henry Snow Hall, Jr., Major John Hedley Thornton Priestman, and Mr. Joseph Wood, Jr.

The CHAIRMAN announced with regret the deaths of Mr. H. J. Synnott, elected in 1898, Mr. A. Barnes, elected in 1913, and Dr. W. A. Wills, whose death had occurred that afternoon. Dr. Wills was elected in 1888, served on the Committee in 1893, and as Honorary Secretary 1897-1900. Mr. E. H. F. Bradby paid eloquent tribute to his memory.

Mr. R. A. FRAZER then read a Paper entitled 'A Plea for Mountaineering in Central Spitsbergen,' which was illustrated by lantern slides.

Professor J. Norman Collie spoke afterwards and said that he agreed with Mr. Frazer that there was a good deal to be said for mountaineering in those parts. What had struck him when visiting the Lofoten Islands was the extraordinary colour effects, and it seemed to be much the same in Spitsbergen. He congratulated Mr. Frazer on the success of his expedition.

The Chairman said that he was sure everyone in the Hall had enjoyed the very interesting Paper of Mr. Frazer, and the remarkable series of slides he had shown. He remarked in passing that the prophecy of Sir Martin Conway that Spitsbergen was likely to become a regular tourists' haunt had not yet been fulfilled. He would propose what he thought would be in the minds of all present: a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Frazer. This was carried with acclamation.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall, 23 Savile Row, London, W. 1, on Tuesday May 6, 1924, at 8.30 p.m., Dr. Claude Wilson, *Vice-President*, in the Chair.

The CHAIRMAN communicated to the Members present the latest news with regard to the Mt. Everest Expedition and General Bruce. He said he was sure they would be glad to hear that General Bruce had recovered from his illness.

Members were informed that Mr. D. W. Freshfield had accepted Honorary Membership of the Club, offered to him by the Committee to mark his 60th year as a Member. This announcement was received with enthusiasm by those present. Mr. Freshfield thanked the Members for their cordial reception.

Further, that the King of the Hedjaz had conferred on Sir Alexander Kennedy the title of Pasha, on the occasion of his recent and third visit to Petra.

The death of Mr. John Fisher was announced. He was elected a Member of the Club in 1883, and he must have been well over 80 years of age at the time of his death, which occurred on May 1. He was an old Civil Servant. In 1860 he climbed the Allalin Horn and Allalin Pass in company with the late Sir Leslie Stephen and F. W. Jacomb. Twenty years elapsed between that and his next expeditions to Mont Blanc and Monte Leone, which he undertook in 1880. In 1882 he climbed the Finsteraarhorn and the Aletschhorn.

The Chairman invited discussion on the regulations for the Winter Dinner, and the meeting decided, *nem. con.*, to accept the New Regulation proposed by the Committee that the price of each Dinner Ticket should be 13s. 6d. exclusive of wines, thus allowing every Member to order his own wines.

Mr. J. A. PARKER then read a Paper entitled 'The Pyrenees,' which was illustrated by lantern slides.

Discussion followed. Mr. D. W. Freshfield related briefly his experiences in the Pyrenees, and remarked, à propos of the lecturer's statement that the Pyrenees were seldom visited by Members, that, to the west of the Central Pyrenees, there was a group of mountains known as the Picos de Europa, which were not at all well known, and which were still less frequently visited. He had been there some years ago and had had some really good climbing. The Comte de Saint-Saud had written a monograph on this group, which was in the Club Library. Others who took part in the discussion were Mr. G. E. Howard, Mr. W. P. Haskett-Smith, and Sir Alexander Kennedy. Mr. Parker replied to one or two questions which had been put to him, and in conclusion was the recipient of a very cordial vote of thanks, proposed by the Chairman.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall, 23 Savile Row, London, W. 1, on Tuesday, November 4, 1924, at 8.30 P.M., Brig.-Gen. The Hon. C. G. Bruce, C.B., M.V.O., *President*, in the Chair.

The following candidates were balloted for and elected Members of the Club, namely, Mr. E. L. Fothergill, Major R. W. G. Hingston, Mr. R. H. Isherwood, Mr. J. T. Reed, and Mr. G. J. Scaramanga.

The PRESIDENT announced with regret the deaths of The Rt. Hon. H. de Fellenberg Montgomery, elected in 1866, Mr. W. Fairbanks, elected in 1876, Mr. Reginald Hughes, elected in 1880, The Rt. Hon. Lord Cozens-Hardy, elected in 1891, Mr. Arthur Woods, elected in 1904, Major P. B. Lindsell, elected in 1913, and Mr. G. L. Mallory, elected in 1910.

The President also announced that the Mt. Everest Committee had decided that the question of the ascent of Mt. Everest could not be left as it was, and that they had agreed to make preparations for a further expedition in 1926. The question of ways and means

would be discussed by the Mt. Everest Committee at a later date.

Mr. A. D. GODLEY then read a Paper entitled 'Mountains and the Public.'

The President moved that a vote of thanks be accorded Mr. Godley for his delightful Paper. This was carried with acclamation, and the proceedings terminated.

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