

number of such mountains is, in his opinion, exactly 300, made up as follows :

In Scotland . . .	277	(being 276 as per the S.M.C. List of 1921, plus one which has been discovered recently).
In England . . .	4	
In Wales . . .	12	
In Ireland . . .	7	
Total . . .	<u>300</u>	

As there are no official lists of what should be regarded as individual mountains in the last three countries, Mr. Parker made a point of visiting all the 3000 ft. tops in them and has included in the above numbers only those which he considers should be classified as separate mountains.

WE deeply regret to report the deaths, during March, of Messrs. H. E. M. STUTFIELD (1886) and VAL. A. FYNN (1911), two very distinguished members. Obituaries will appear in the November JOURNAL.

HIMALAYAN NOTES.

THE HIMALAYAN CLUB.

THE May number of the ALPINE JOURNAL contained a copy of the letter that led to the founding of the Himalayan Club. Almost every one to whom the letter was sent responded, and 127 became founder members. Among them were Lord Irwin, Viceroy and Governor-General of India ; Field-Marshal Sir William Birdwood, Commander-in-Chief in India ; Sir Malcolm Hailey, then Governor of the Punjab and now Governor of the United Provinces of Agra and Oudh ; the Most Reverend Foss Westcott, Metropolitan in India ; General Sir Alexander Cobbe, G.O.C. Northern Command ; the Surveyor-General of India and the heads of the scientific departments that are interested in the Himalaya ; political officers and soldiers ; survey officers, scientists and forest officers ; painters and photographers ; and many of those whose journeys in the Himalaya and in Central Asia have been distinguished, including Their Royal Highnesses the Duke of the Abruzzi and the Duke of Spoleto, Lieutenant-Colonel F. M. Bailey, Major L. V. S. Blacker, Brigadier-General the Hon. C. G. Bruce, Captain J. G. Bruce, Brigadier-General Sir George Cockerill, Professor J. Norman Collie, Sir Martin

Conway, Maggiore Cav. Sir Filippo De Filippi, Mr. D. W. Freshfield, Mr. J. de V. Hazard, Colonel Sir Thomas Holdich, Lieutenant-Colonel C. K. Howard-Bury, Mr. C. F. Meade, Lieutenant-Colonel E. F. Norton, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Frederick O'Connor, Mr. N. E. Odell, Lieutenant-Colonel R. C. F. Schomberg, Mr. E. O. Shebbeare, Mr. C. P. Skrine, Sir Aurel Stein, Colonel E. L. Strutt, Mr. P. C. Visser, Major E. O. Wheeler, and Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Francis Younghusband.

The Club has now been registered, and 58 ordinary members have been elected, including the rulers of several Himalayan States.

The principal objects of the Club are thus stated in the Memorandum of Association :

- (1) To encourage and assist Himalayan travel and exploration, and to extend knowledge of the Himalaya and adjoining mountain ranges through science, art, literature, and sport ;
- (2) To collect, classify and publish descriptions of Himalayan routes and other information relating to the Himalaya ;
- (3) To establish local or sectional headquarters of the Club in such other parts of India or the Himalaya as the Club may think proper.

The Club is being organized to carry out these objects. Local secretaries are being appointed in the more important Himalayan districts, who will assist and advise members in all matters relating to travel in their districts, including transport, shikaries and porters, equipment and supplies, and costs.

More detailed information about routes will be supplied by Major Kenneth Mason, 13 Wood Street, Calcutta, the Honorary Editor of the Club's publications, and by the Assistant Editors, who will be in detailed charge of different districts. A second edition of Volume I. of Montgomerie's 'Routes in the Western Himalaya,' revised and enlarged by Major Mason, is now in the press. Volume I. covers Gilgit, Kashmir, Punch, Ladakh, and the routes to Central Asia from these districts. Information is now being collected and classified for the preparation of a second volume, dealing with Chamba, Lahoul, Spiti, Kangra, Kulu, Bashahr, Tehri-Garwhal, and Kumaon ; and it is also proposed to compile a similar Route Book for the Eastern Himalaya and the northern ranges of Assam and Burma. These Route Books, it is hoped, will be the basis of a series of more detailed District Guides. Notes or diaries of Himalayan journeys, or any first-hand information about any part of the Himalaya, will be gratefully received by the Honorary Editor.

It is difficult for the officers of the Club at Simla and Delhi to keep in touch with members scattered over a country of such vast distances as India. On the other hand, it was considered at the inaugural meeting of the Club that a sectional organization would be too elaborate for its small membership and might be disintegrating at this stage. It was decided, therefore, to appoint local

correspondents at the more important centres, who would advise members about Himalayan travel generally, assist them in their preliminary arrangements, and keep them informed of the activities of the Club.

G. L. C.

EXTRACTS FROM THE REPORT OF 1928.

‘ A matter of great importance to the future of the Club, which was also discussed at the inaugural meeting, was our relations with the Mountain Club of India. It was then decided that the Mountain Club should be asked whether they would be willing to amalgamate, and I was authorized to approach the Mountain Club accordingly. I am glad to be able to tell you that an extraordinary General Meeting of the Mountain Club held in Calcutta on the 14th December last, agreed that amalgamation was desirable “for the benefit of the common aims of the two Clubs”; and amalgamation was finally arranged on the following terms :

- ‘ (1) There should be one Club called the Himalayan Club.
- ‘ (2) All members of the Mountain Club should be elected *en bloc* as ordinary members of the Himalayan Club.
- ‘ (3) Members of the Mountain Club not favouring amalgamation and not wishing to join the Himalayan Club should be refunded all their subscriptions.
- ‘ (4) Life members of the Mountain Club should become life members of the Himalayan Club on payment of Rs. 88, the difference between the life subscriptions of the two Clubs ; or should become ordinary members on repayment of the difference between the life and annual subscriptions.
- ‘ (5) The annual subscription to the Himalayan Club should be paid by members of the Mountain Club from the 1st January 1929.
- ‘ (6) The Committee of the Himalayan Club should propose at this General Meeting the election of Honorary Local Secretaries for Calcutta and Darjeeling under Rules 32, 34, and 35 of the Rules of the Club.
- ‘ (7) The Committee of the Club should appoint a Sub-Committee for Calcutta under Rule 41 (12) of the Rules of the Club for the purpose of furthering the objects of the Club in the provinces of Bengal and Assam and in the Himalaya east of Nepal, and to exercise such powers as might be delegated to it from time to time by the Committee of the Club.
- ‘ (8) In pursuance of these objects, and with due regard to the financial position of the Club and all claims and requirements, and to the distribution of membership, an annual grant should be made to be expended by the Calcutta Sub-Committee, subject to budget control by the Club in General Meeting, and to audit by the Auditors of the Club, under Rule 44 of the Rules of the Club.

- (9) The Calcutta Sub-Committee should be required to submit to the Honorary Treasurer of the Club on the 1st January in each year—
- (a) a statement of its accounts for the past year, for incorporation in the accounts of the Club to be presented at the annual General Meeting in the following February, under Rule 44 of the Rules of the Club; and
 - (b) an estimate of its requirements for the following year.
- (10) Any existing funds of the Mountain Club should be retained as a local fund for use at the discretion of the Calcutta Sub-Committee.

‘ All members of the Mountain Club have now been elected by the Balloting Committee to be ordinary members of the Himalayan Club. The Committee of the Club will to-day propose that Mr. Alexander Marr, Vice-President of the Mountain Club, should be elected Vice-President of the Himalayan Club; that Mr. G. B. Gourlay, the Honorary Secretary of the Mountain Club, should be elected Honorary Local Secretary in Calcutta; and that Lieutenant-Colonel H. W. Tobin, a member of the Mountain Club Committee, should be elected Honorary Local Secretary in Darjeeling. They will also propose that three other members of the Mountain Club Committee, Mr. J. S. Hannah, Mr. H. Newman and Mr. C. R. Cooke, should be elected members of the Balloting Committee. Some of us, including our President, Brigadier Wilson, Major Mason, Mr. Ruttledge and myself, are already members of the Mountain Club. Thus it may be expected that after to-day’s election, seven members of the Committee and five additional members of the Balloting Committee will be members of the Mountain Club. From to-day on the two Clubs will be one single organization, strong and united to carry out our common objects.

‘ I know you will cordially welcome the 49 new members whom amalgamation has brought to us. Our membership has now reached 250. There were 127 founder members, and 74 ordinary members, apart from the members of the Mountain Club, have been elected. A steady stream of proposals continues. The last ballot was only a week ago, and already there are 14 more candidates to be balloted. And as the value of the Club is recognized—when it is found how easy it really is to go to the Himalaya—I am confident that the number of our members will continually increase.’

G. L. C.

Mr. P. C. Visser and Mrs. Visser-Hooft, accompanied by the guides Franz Lochmatter and Wyss, have left for another expedition in the Himalaya. Mr. Visser’s intention was to remain in India for two years.

The Italian Expedition to the Karakorams arrived in India in March. Their advance baggage has already reached Askole.