PROCEEDINGS OF THE ALPINE CLUB

A GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall, 74 South Audley Street, London, W. 1, on Saturday, April 11, 1942, at 6 P.M., Mr. G. Winthrop Young, *President*, in the Chair.

The PRESIDENT referred to the losses sustained by the Club in the deaths of the following members :

Dr. H. Dübi, Honorary Member, elected 1904 ; Godfrey A. Solly, Vice-President 1921 ; R. Hall Warren ; H. Speyer, Sénateur of the Belgian Parliament and Professor at the University of Brussels ; W. H. Gover ; Gilbert Thomson ; the Rev. T. H. Fitzpatrick ; J. Duke Smith, a prominent member of the American Alpine Club, and William Bellows.

The Hon. Secretary and Treasurer then presented the Accounts and Balance Sheet for 1941, and these were eventually adopted *nem. con.*

A cordial Vote of Thanks to the Auditors, Messrs. Walter Sedgwick and T. A. Rumbold, was passed.

Lieut. C. W. F. Noyce then read a Paper entitled ' The Middle Land,' which was illustrated by lantern slides, shown after the reading of the Paper. Wing-Commander E. B. Beauman, Mr. Peter Lloyd and Mr. Michael Roberts carried on the discussion. The President congratulated Lieut. Noyce on his very delightful Paper which had been much appreciated by the members.

There were 42 members present.

After the meeting an Informal Dinner was held at Brown's Hotel, Albemarle Street, London, W. 1, at 7.45 P.M. Nineteen were present, including several guests.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall, 74 South Audley Street, London, W. 1, on Tuesday, May 5, 1942, at 6 P.M., Mr. G. Winthrop Young, *President*, in the Chair.

The PRESIDENT referred to the death of Professor W. H. Heaton, who was elected to the Club in 1893. He made many expeditions with the late Walter Larden during the years 1880 to 1887. It was in 1883 that he accompanied Walter Larden on his second visit to Arolla, and in that year he, Larden, made his first ' Guide to Arolla,' in which references will be found to their many expeditions in the district. In 1887, with Walter Larden and H. G. Gotch, he made guideless ascents of the Nadelhorn and Alphubel. References to their climbs will also be found in Larden's *Recollections of an old Mountaineer*.

Mr. H. E. G. Tyndale then read a Paper entitled ' First Affections.' Professor R. S. T. Chorley, Dr. E. H. Stevens, Mr. G. E. Howard and Mr. H. A. Haworth took part in the discussion of the Paper. The President felicitated Mr. Tyndale on his charming and interesting

Paper and voiced the thanks of the members for the pleasure he had given them.

There were 40 members present.

After the meeting an Informal Dinner was held at Brown's Hotel, Albemarle Street, London, W. 1, at 7.45 P.M. Twenty-three members and guests attended.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall, 74 South Audley Street, London, W. 1, on Tuesday, June 2, 1942, at 6 P.M., Mr. G. Winthrop Young, *President*, in the Chair.

The PRESIDENT referred to the presumed death of Lieut. A. F. Wigram, R.N.V.R., who was reported missing from Malta in November 1941, and who was recently presumed by the Admiralty to have been killed on active service, and expressed the Club's sympathy with his brother Capt. E. H. L. Wigram, R.A.M.C., a member. Lieut. A. F. Wigram was elected to the Club in 1936.

Major T. A. H. Peacocke then showed some cinematograph films taken during his mountaineering expeditions in Wales, Skye, and the Zermatt district. They proved to be an amusing record, with running commentary, of his adventures. As it was impossible to secure the loan of a Bell & Howell projector for these 8 mm. films, Major Peacocke was obliged to make use of a foreign projector which seemed to be the only one obtainable in London for this occasion.

Major N. E. Odell, R.E., just back from India, conveyed greetings from the various members of the Alpine Club he had met there, and said that on his way back via Cape Town where he had spent five days, he had been invited to give a lecture on Everest to the Mountain Club of South Africa and that an audience of about 200 turned up.

The PRESIDENT closed the meeting with some comments on the films shown and expressed the thanks of the members present.

There were 45 members and guests at this meeting.

After the meeting an Informal Dinner was held at Brown's Hotel, Albemarle Street, W.1, at 7.45 P.M., attended by 20 members and guests. Amongst the latter were Dr. J. Bujak of the Polish Tatra Club, Sgt. Observer A. Arnold, Canadian Air Force, a member of the Sierra Club of San Francisco, U.S.A., and Pilot Officer L. R. Hewitt, R.N.Z.A.F., a member of the New Zealand Alpine Club, also a member of the Alpine Club.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall, 74 South Audley Street, London, W. 1, on Tuesday, July 7, 1942, at 6 P.M. In the absence of the President through illness, the Chair was taken by Mr. C. H. Pasteur, *Vice-President*.

It was announced that Mr. Henry M. Stimson, United States Secretary of War, had been elected an Honorary Member of the Club.

The Chairman referred to the death of the following members :

The Rev. P. S. Whelan ; elected 1896. Died September 19, 1941. He had climbed in Dolomites with the late G. Scriven.

Dr. M. L. Hepburn; elected 1892. Died May 16, in his 76th year. He did a considerable number of climbs with the late Walter Larden, and he took a great interest in the Club, being a regular attendant at the General Meetings and the Annual Dinners.

Alexander A. McCoubrey, a prominent member of the Alpine Club of Canada, of which he was Vice-President 1928, President 1932–34, and Editor of their Journal and Gazette since 1930. His work as Chairman of the Ski Committee in the establishment of climbing huts and the supervision of the annual ski camps was an outstanding contribution to the progressive life of the Alpine Club of Canada.

Mr. L. W. Clarke then read a Paper entitled 'The Vagaries of Memory.' A number of members contributed to the discussion which followed, and the author was accorded a hearty Vote of Thanks.

Number present: 35.

About 20 members and guests attended an Informal Dinner at Brown's Hotel, Albemarle Street, W. 1, after the meeting.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall at 74 South Audley Street, London, W.1, on Tuesday, August 11, 1942, at 6 P.M.

The PRESIDENT took the Chair and the Hon. Secretary announced that all the candidates whose names appear in the circular dated June 16, 1942, had that day been elected by the Committee, namely:

Mr. F. Roy Crepin, Lieut. L. Gurth Fothergill, R.E., Mr. D. T. F. Munsey, Mr. A. W. Osborne, Capt. A. Priestley Thomson and Dr. Gwyn Williams.

The PRESIDENT then referred to the recent death of our Honorary Member Sir Francis Younghusband. Mr. F. S. Smythe gave some account of the latter period of Sir Francis' life during which he had been greatly interested in the ethical similarity of all religions and in particular in the association called The World Congress of Faiths. After this the President recalled some early memories of his meeting with Sir Francis and the very strenuous activities in this country and abroad from which he had gone on to make his famous explorations.

Corporal John T. Holloway of the New Zealand Forestry Service then gave a discourse illustrated by lantern slides on the lesser known ranges of the Otago Alps in New Zealand. After the meeting the Chair was taken by Mr. R. W. Lloyd in the unavoidable absence of the President and the Vice-Presidents. At the conclusion of the lecture there ensued a brief discussion to which Mr. Allen Brown contributed.

Before closing the meeting the Chairman referred to the Club's desire to extend its hospitality to Dominion, Colonial and U.S.A. mountaineers now in this country.

About 30 Members were present.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall at 74 South Audley Street, London, W.1, on Tuesday, September 8, 1942, at 6 P.M.

The PRESIDENT, Mr. G. Winthrop Young, opened the meeting and

said he felt sure members would be glad to know that the congratulations of the Club had been sent to Mr. Sydney Spencer on the occasion of his 80th birthday, which occurred that day.

Mr. A. W. Andrews read a Paper entitled 'The Novitiate,' which was afterwards discussed by a number of members present.

The meeting was closed by Mr. C. H. Pasteur, *Vice-President*, who assured Mr. Andrews that his Paper had been very much enjoyed, and he asked the members to show their appreciation in the usual manner. This was done.

About 40 members attended, of whom some 20 also attended an Informal Dinner at Brown's Hotel. Albemarle Street, London, W.1, after the meeting.

At the moment of going to press we learn with profound regret of the death of Dr. J. NORMAN COLLIE, F.R.S., in his 84th year, at Sligachan, Skye. He was elected to this Club in 1893, and served as President during the years 1920–22. We hope to publish a full In Memoriam notice in our next issue. He was buried at Struan on November 3 beside his old friend and guide John Mackenzie.

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