

Captain Peter Lunn is the only racer in any country who has contributed something of permanent interest to the literature of ski racing. A chapter in a previous book was reproduced in the year books of continental clubs. In the present contribution he begins with a vignette of the Malta siege and continues with an effective description of the atmosphere of the ski championships. It includes the only description of wartime skiing in the volume, the result of a week's leave on Etna. The article concludes with an amusing challenge to those who regard the ski racer as an intruder into the mountain scene.

The Editor's own contribution is one of the best things he has written, but the implication that most people still like travelling fast downhill is inexact. By the time Mr. Lunn gets back to the Alps he may be old enough to have learnt that there are old gentlemen who love climbing gently up unbeaten snow, are horrified at the idea of having to slide fast down icy paths, and would welcome the existence of a club that would give them sufficient moral courage to descend by the funicular. So perhaps the wheel will turn full circle and he will found for us an Uphill Only club.

The illustrations are up to the usual high standard, and the charming studies of Swiss tourists in the remote Victorian age are in keeping with the traditions of a periodical in which the historical and cultural associations of Switzerland are never obscured by the record of athletic achievement.

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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE ALPINE CLUB

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall, 74 South Audley Street, London, W. 1, on Tuesday, December 5, 1944, at 6 P.M., the Rt. Hon. L. S. Amery, M.P., *President*, in the Chair.

The PRESIDENT informed the meeting that the inaugural meeting of the British Mountaineering Council took place at the Alpine Club on December 2, 1944, when 32 representatives of 23 clubs, representing about 7000 mountaineers, were present.

The PRESIDENT announced that the Committee had elected the following candidates for membership, namely, Lieut. D. P. Brimble, R.N., F/Lt. H. R. C. Carr, Mr. R. C. C. Carr, Mr. John Hirst, Major A. D. Macpherson, Mr. A. S. Pigott, Mr. Ivan Waller and Mr. W. Stuart Webb.

The death of Mr. Olaf F. Bloch, who was elected in the year 1931, was referred to.

As provided by Rule 29, there being no other candidates, the PRESIDENT announced the following elections and re-elections as Officers and Elective Members of Committee for the year 1944 :

*Vice-President* : Dr. N. E. Odell, in the place of Mr. H. MacRobert, whose term of office expires.

*Elective Members of Committee* : Messrs. J. E. Q. Barford, G. A. Dummett and Arnold Lunn, in the places of Drs. N. S. Finzi and E. H. Stevens, whose terms of office expire, and Mr. Gerald E. H. Palmer, M.P., who has resigned on account of service abroad.

*Re-elections* : The Rt. Hon. L. S. Amery, M.P., *President*, Mr. G. L. Bartrum, *Vice-President*, Mr. Bryan Donkin, *Hon. Secretary and Treasurer*, and the eligible Elective Members of Committee, namely, Mr. Peter Bicknell, Mr. Robert Jeffrey, Dr. G. Graham Macphee, Dr. George Salt, Dr. C. B. M. Warren, and Mr. G. F. Peaker.

Dr. N. S. Finzi then read a Paper entitled 'The Bregaglia,' which was illustrated by lantern slides. Colonel E. L. Strutt, C.B.E., D.S.O., and the PRESIDENT commented on the Paper, and the proceedings closed with the recording of a Vote of Thanks to Dr. Finzi.

Present : 100, including guests.

The INFORMAL DINNER at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W. 1, after the meeting was attended by 80 members and guests.