

A NIGHT AT THE CABANE BRITANNIA.

[From *Westminster Gazette*.]

Five thousand feet we climbed by zigzag ways,
 Rock and moraine, and tracts of ice and snow,
 And reached at dusk the cabane which we owe
 To British climbers of these latter days.
 Supper despatched, we issued forth to gaze
 On cloudless sky enriched with gleam and glow
 Of everlasting silent stars, and so
 Turned in, in quest of sleep which toil repays.
 Vain quest! Wood-sawing, doors that slam and slide,
 Nailed boots in movement, voices in despair,
 Shouts of defiance, threats of homicide
 Conspired to murder sleep, and fright the air,
 While the few sleepers (who all sleep denied)
 Snored inharmonious through the whole affair.

G. H. RADFORD.

Names of those present at the Opening of the
Cabane Britannia.

*Adams, W. A.	Boyd, H. A.
*Ainstec, E. L.	Boyd, S. P. (Dublin)
*Anderson, Rev. A. R.	Boyd, Miss A. J.
Anderson, Miss	
*Bailey, J. A.	Cadman, E.
*Baer, J.	Cane, Dr. Leonard B.
*Barne, H. H.	Cane, Mrs.
Bartlett, H. E. G.	*Carr-Saunders, A. M.
Bell, Rev. Morris	Connell, — (Melbourne)
Bellow, W.	
*Bradley, M. G.	*Dimier, G.
*Brooke, W. M.	Dimier, —
*Brown, Eric	*Dixon, W. S.
*Bruce, J. A. B. (Hon. Sec.)	*Dubi, Dr. (Representing C.C. of S.A.C.)
*Buxton, L.	
*Buxton, Noel, M.P.	*Eberli, J.
*Buxton, Mrs.	*Ellis, F. N.
*Buxton, Miss	*Ellison, T. W.
Buxton, Rev. H.	*Ellison, G.

*Ellwood, T. A., M.D.	*Ormond, E. B.
*Ellwood, Victor	*Paget, Catesby
*Enthoven, Mr. and Mrs.	*Pariani, Signor (Italian A.C.)
Finzel, C.	Radford, —
*Foa, Edgar	*Radford, G., M.P.
*Foot, H.	Radford, Mrs.
	Radford, Miss C.
*Gooch, M.	Radford, Miss Ursula
Gray, —	Richardson, W. S.
*Harris, E. B. (Hon. Sec.)	*Robinson, R.
*Harrison, J. Fraser	Rogers, Rev. Enys
*Hartree, C.	*Roget, Professor F.
*Hope, P.	
Hutchinson, Rev.	*Salway, H.
	*Salway, Rev. J.
*Kilbey, W.	Salway, Mrs.
Kilbey, —	Sedgwick, H. J.
*King-Church, C. E. (Treasurer)	*Sharpe, P. H.
	*Sharpe, W. S.
*Grande, J.	*Smith, Rev. Canon Reader
	*Sternfield, H. W.
*Larden, Walter	Stuart-Smith, R.
*Lawford, B.	
*Lehmann, C. T.	Turner, D. M.
Livermore, D.	Turner, R. R.
*Lindsell, Major (Bernina)	Turry, —
Monte Rosa Section,	
Representatives of	*Viollier, —
Mackintosh, G. E.	
Meissier, — (Representative of	*Warren, H. W.
C.C. of S.A.C.)	*Williamson, Dr. O. K.
Muller, Pastor C.	*Williamson, Mrs.
Muller, —	*Willis, Dr. H. D.
	*Wilson, G.
*Nightingale, Rev. E. C.	Wilson, —
Noel, Rev. C. E.	

The above is as complete a list as we were able to get of those present at the Opening of the Club Hut Britannia. Those whose names are preceded by an asterisk attended the dinner in the evening at the Dom Hotel, Saas Fée.

Challis, A. B.
 Chance, C. F.
 Chevasse, Sir T. (the late)
 Clarke, A. E.
 Clarke, E. R.
 Clarke, L. W.
 Clayton, Colonel
 Clayton, Morton
 Cleave, E. R.
 Cockburn, Henry
 Coddington, E.
 Colgate, Dr.
 Comber, H. C.
 Compton, E. T.
 Compton, Rev. W. C.
 Corry, Capt. J. B., D.S.O.
 Corry, R.
 Courtauld, R. C.
 Courtney, H. G.
 Cowie, Major H. N. R.
 Cripps, Dr. C. C.
 Creak, R. H.
 Crewdson, W.
 Crisp, Sir Frank
 Crowe, Capt. W.
 Curling, Lieut. R. R.
 Currie, J. H. M.
 Dalton, Rev. A. E.
 Davies, W. Lloyd
 Davidson, A. J.
 Davidson, Sir E., K.C.M.G., C.B.
 Dawson, Rev. J.
 Daykyn, J. R.
 Dent, Clinton (the late)
 Dent, Dr. H. L. R.
 Dent, L. M. E.
 le Trey, A.
 Dickins, C.
 Dimier, G.
 Dixon, J. R.
 Dixon, W. S.
 Dodd, J. M. F.
 Jonkin, S. B.
 Downer, Rev. Dr.
 Drummond, J. W.
 Dübi, Dr. H.
 Earle, J. G.
 Eaton, J. E. C.
 Eberli, J. J.
 Eckenstein, O.
 Edwards, H.
 Edwards, Rev. W. G.
 Ellis, F. N.
 Ellis, W. H.
 Ellison, G.
 Ellwood, T. Ashcroft
 Ewen, G. T.
 Farrar, Capt. P., D.S.O.
 Fawcett, F.
 Fedden, F. G.
 Field, A. E.
 Finke, R. F.
 Fitzherbert, Arnold V.
 Fitzpatrick, —
 Fletcher, P.
 Fletcher, P. C.
 Foa, Edgar
 Foot, H.
 Forbes, J. W. F.
 Fordham, Sir H. G.
 Fortlaye, Miss M.
 Fowler, W.
 Fowler, Dr. G. H.
 Fox, Miss
 Francis, R. F.
 Francis, R. H.
 Frankland, Miss F. Helga
 Fraser, F. N.
 Frechorn, E. W.
 Fulton, J. H. W.
 Furneaux, L. R.
 Fynn, Val. A. (U.S.A.)
 Gait, J. C.
 Gandy, H.
 Gardner, Miss
 Gask, G. E.
 Gask, S.
 Gatty, Victor H.
 Gibbons, Sir A. D., Bart.
 Gibson, J. J.
 Gilson, J. P.
 Goldsmith, Dr.
 Gordon, R.
 Gover, Eric
 Gover, J. M.
 Gover, Miss Nancy
 Graham, Reginald
 Grant, D. F.
 Greaves, Alan

Grenfell, Lieut. F. H., R.N.
 Gruchy, Capt. F. le M.
 Gruchy, G. le M.
 Gussfeldt, Dr. Paul
 Harmer, W. Douglas
 Harris, E. B.
 Harrison, H. E. B.
 Harrison, Frederic
 Hartree, C.
 Hatfield, Mrs.
 Hawkins, E. F.
 Hill, F. W.
 Hind, N. S.
 Hinton, H. A.
 Hobson, G. D.
 Holland, C. T.
 Hope, R. P.
 Hopkinson, Prof. B. H.
 Hordern, Capt.
 Hossly, B.
 Hoy, W. E.
 Hughes, R., D.C.L.
 Hutchinson, Rev. C.
 Hutchinson, G. A. (the late)
 Hutchinson, Rev. T.
 In Memoriam, "L. R. S."
 Irving, R. L. G.
 Jackson, W. S. (Canada)
 James, J. H.
 James, J. E.
 James, W. W.
 Johns, W. C.
 Johnstone, Andrew
 Joseph, H. W. B.
 Kay, W. R.
 Kennedy, Sir A. B. W., F.R.S.
 Kenyon, A. T.
 Ker, W. P.
 Kesteven, T. L.
 King, H. D.
 King, Sir H. Seymour
 King, N. P.
 King, A. J.
 King-Church, C. E.
 Kirkpatrick, Wm. T.
 Kirkwood, J. T.
 Lamb, C.
 Larden, Walter
 Lawford, B.
 Lea, E. I.
 Leaf, Walter
 Lehmann, C. T.
 Lehmann, H. D.
 Lindsay, C. Scott
 Lindsell, Major
 Ling, W. N.
 Lister, W. T.
 Lloyd, Miss
 Lloyd, G. W.
 Longstaff, Tom G.
 Loppe, Gabriel
 Lowson, Miss
 Lunn, Arnold
 Lunn, Sir H.
 Lyne, C. R.
 Macartney, H. J.
 Mallory, G. L.
 Marriott, H. C.
 Martin, Rev. Canon
 Mason, A. E. W.
 Masterman, J. S.
 Mawby, E. G.
 Maxwell, Major
 Maxwell, Mrs. Heron
 Mayer, Miss
 McAndrew, A.
 McAndrew, Miss B.
 McIntyre, J. H.
 McLaren, Mrs. Eva
 McLeary, Dr.
 McLeod, W. R.
 Mennell, H. T.
 Meyer, Miss M.
 Milburn, —
 Miley, M.
 Millington, H. A.
 Mills, F. R.
 Minchinton, Lieut.
 Minor, P.
 Moore, W. A. M.
 Morland, J. C.
 Morrish, C. A.
 Morrish, H. G.
 Morrish, R. S.
 Morrison-Bell, Major A. C.
 Morse, G. H.
 Morton, Capt. G. A.

Moss, C. J.
 Mothersill, H. J.
 Muir, J. C.
 Muir, Wm.
 Mumm, A. L.
 Naismith, W. A.
 Neame, G. H.
 Nettleton, Mrs.
 Newmarch, F.
 Newsom, G. A.
 Newton, Rev. H.
 Nicholson, W. F.
 Nightingale, Rev. F. C.
 Nussey, C. A.
 Ogilvy, Mrs. F.
 Oliver, Edmund G.
 Oliver, E. G.
 O'Malley, B. K.
 Ormond, E. B.
 Osborne, Miss M.
 Osborne, R. E.
 Osler, J. A.
 Paddison, R. O.
 Paget, Catesby
 Peckover, Hon. Miss A.
 Peech, S. B.
 Pickard, Ransom
 Pickford, Hon. Mr. Justice
 Pilkington, C.
 Pilkington, L.
 Pixley, J. A.
 Portch, W.
 Porter, Dr. A. E.
 Potter-Kirby, G.
 Powell, Legh S.
 Powell, Leonard
 Prothero, G. W.
 Pulling, H. G.
 Quicke, Mrs. Nutcombe
 Quincey, E. de Quincey
 Radford, G. H., M.P.
 Rawlence, C. V.
 Reade, H. V.
 Reid, C. J.
 Reid, K. G.
 Rendall, Rev. Dr.
 Richards, A. V. Valentine
 Richardson, C. W.
 Richardson, E. C.
 Richardson, Miss K.
 Rio Pablo del
 Roberts, E. E.
 Roberts, W. M.
 Robertson, C. D.
 Robinson, F.
 Robinson, H. C.
 Rodgers, Stanley
 Rodick, Colonel
 Roger-Smith, H. R.
 Rolleston, L. W.
 Roos, H.
 Rows, Dr. R. P.
 Roxburgh, A. C.
 Roy-Batty, Mrs.
 Runge, H.
 Runge, R.
 Russell, A. E.
 S., M. (the late)
 St. Croix, C. de
 Salter, F. G.
 Salway, Humphrey
 Salway, Rev. J.
 Sanders, A. H.
 Schliess, Dr. (Essen)
 Schuster, Sir Felix, Bart.
 Searle, S.
 Sebag-Montefiore, R. M.
 Sedgwick, W.
 Sharp, W. S.
 Shea, C. E.
 Shipstone, O.
 Singer, David
 Ski Club of G. B.
 Slagg, J. P.
 Slater, Charles, M.B.
 Smith, W. Haskett
 Smith, G. O. Howard
 Smith, His Honour Judge Lindsey
 Smith, M. K.
 Smith, Rev. Canon Reader
 Smith, R. Stuart
 Smith R. F. Ruthven
 Snelgrove, A. G.
 Somers, J. P.
 Spencer, Sydney
 Staffurth, S. F.
 Stallard, G.

Steel, C.
 Steel, C. G. (Sen.)
 Steele, L. J.
 Steeple, E. W.
 Steinmann, M.
 Stevens, E. H.
 Stewart, C. J.
 Stewart, G. L.
 Strutt, Capt. E. L.
 Studemund, A.
 Swan, E. Atkin
 Swan, K. R.
 Tattersall, E. S.
 Taylor, Miss Beatrice
 Taylor, Miss S. May
 Taylor, E. R.
 Thelwall, F.
 Thompson, C. M.
 Thompson, R. E.
 Thomson, H. Archer
 Thomson, J. M. Archer (the late)
 Thorp, Mr. and Mrs. H. Carter
 Thorpe, C. H.
 Tobler, A.
 Tod, G. H.
 Todhunter, R. A.
 Townley, C. T.
 Trier, F. N.
 Tubby, Dr.
 Tucker, H. Scott
 Tuckett, F. F.
 Unna, P. J.
 Venables, Miss E.
 Venables, H. A. W.
 Vernon, R. V.
 Vlasto, I.
 Wace, G. G.
 Wagner, H.
 Walker, G. O.
 Wall, T. W.
 Ward-Simpson, Capt., R.A.
 Warren, H. W.
 Warren, R. H.
 Watson, H.M.O.
 Westall, Miss
 Western, Dr.
 Western, A. E.
 Western, Miss E. G.
 Western, Miss L.
 Western, Rev. W.
 Wherry, George
 Whitting, A. E.
 Wicks, J. H.
 Wigram, Rev. H. F.
 Wigram, L. E.
 Wilkins, R.
 Williams, Roderick
 Williamson, Dr. O. K.
 Willink, H. G.
 Willis, H. D.
 Wilson, Claude, M.D.
 Wingfield, C. R.
 Wingfield (Ski club)
 Winterbotham, C.
 Withers, J. J.
 Wollaston, C. H. R.
 Woodsend, W. G.
 Woolley, Hermann
 Worthington, W. B.
 Worthington, W. D.
 Worthington, A. M.
 Workman, R.
 Wright, W. A.
 Wrey, G. D.
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 Wroughton, Capt. J. B.
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ALPINE CLIMBING.

DEDICATION OF THE NEW BRITANNIA HUT.

(From our Swiss Correspondent.)

BERNE, August 14, 1912.

There are now 74 Alpine club huts in Switzerland, where climbers can find refuge in time of storm, or shelter during the short night's rest preceding an ascent. On Saturday next one more hut will be added to this list, the Britannia Hut, which has been built by the subscriptions of British members of the Swiss Alpine Club. The Britannia Club Hut is one of the eight highest in the Swiss Alps, being at an altitude of 10,420 ft. The highest Swiss hut is the Bertolhütte, 11,155 ft., on the Col. Sud de Bertol. Hitherto British climbers have always availed themselves of the huts built by the Swiss Alpine Club, and have not subscribed anything either towards the cost of their construction or their upkeep. To club together, therefore, and present the Swiss Alpine Club with a sum of £800, sufficient to build and equip a new Alpine hut, was merely a graceful return for much hospitality received. The money was subscribed by more than £500 climbers, including a number of ladies.

The Britannia Club Hut, which can accommodate about forty persons, is situated on the Hinterallalin, above Saas Fee, in the Valais, and it will facilitate several ascents, notably that of the Allalinhorn, the Rimpfischhorn, the Stahlhorn, and the Eggmer. It will also be the point of departure for crossing the Alderpass, and the Allalpass to Zermatt, while climbers descending from the Weisssthor, and going to Macugnago will find the new Britannia Hut convenient. Unless this summer's uncertain weather should render any ceremony absolutely impossible, the dedication of the new hut will take place on Saturday next. The hut will then be formally presented to the Geneva Section of the Swiss Alpine Club, under whose care it will be placed. Already many English climbers have gone to Saas Fee for the occasion, and by Friday next there will probably be scarcely a vacant room in the place.

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It is to be hoped that this new hut will be—what many Alpine huts now are not—sacred to the use of genuine climbers and not overrun by those noisy persons who have been designated climbers who do not climb. Parties of young Swiss or

Germans, to save hotel bills, often find their way to Alpine huts, especially to such as are easy of access. Arriving there probably late, they spend much of the evening cooking and eating their supper, after which for another hour they are chattering and going to bed. It is ten o'clock at least before the hut is quiet, so that any real climbers present, who have to get up at midnight or at latest at 1 a.m., cannot have more than two or three hours' sleep. This too frequent abuse of huts is doubtless one reason why English climbers did not long ago subscribe the money to present the Swiss Alpine Club with a hut. In fine weather, indeed, many an English climber avoids sleeping in the overcrowded, often stuffy huts, preferring to seek shelter outside beneath some rock or in some cave. Nevertheless, all this abuse of huts by people for whom they were never intended does not detract from their value as shelters in case of storm or mist. Count can easily be kept of the number of lives lost in mountains each year, but count cannot so easily be kept of the number of lives saved annually by huts; and this year perhaps more lives than usual have been saved by the existence of these Alpine refuges.

To show how much use is made of huts, I may say that in 1911 42,446 persons wrote down their names in hut registers in Switzerland alone, as compared with only 26,452 in the miserable summer of 1910. This works out at an average of 573 persons per hut for last year. It must be remembered, however, that no compulsion can be exercised on persons to inscribe their names in these hut books, especially when there is no custodian present to request them to do so. Consequently the figures just quoted do not represent, perhaps do not nearly represent, the total number of persons who used the Swiss Alpine Club huts last summer and the summer before. Moreover, ski-runners now often make use of huts in months when formerly no living creature, save an occasional fox or a rare chamois, ever went near them.

Turning to the huts of the German and Austrian Alpine Club, which number 251, it is noteworthy that they are far more used even than the Swiss Alpine Club huts, for in 1910, when the weather was so uncertain, the number of their visitors worked out at an average of 904 per hut. A large proportion of these so-called huts, however, are really more like little mountain inns than genuine mountain refuges. *Bier* is constantly flowing *vom Fass*, and there are other similar attractions. It is good to be able to record that, although on a specially solemn occasion such as a hut dedication, a cask of beer is often, with incredible exertions, rolled and pulled up to a hut, and although, of course, every new hut must receive its baptism of champagne, nevertheless no attempt has ever been made to turn even the most accessible Swiss hut into a *Wirtschaft* or *Bierhalle*.