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ASSOCIATION CLUB ROOMS, 436, STRAND, W.C.

ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH MEMBERS OF THE SWISS ALPINE CLUB.

THE WAR—ROLL OF HONOUR. 1918.

We annex a list of 158 of our members who joined the Army or Navy, but there are no doubt several omissions, and members will much oblige by sending us further information on the subject. In addition a large number of our members above the military age served their country as members of Volunteer Corps, National Reserve, Special Constables, Ammunition Makers, etc. A list of these will be kept at the Club Room.

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Service.</i>	<i>Remarks.</i>
Adams, Ralph N. ...	Flight-Commander, M.C. ...	Flying Corps, killed 1916, Oct. 10
Adams, A. C. ...	Sgt.-Instructor 1st Batt. 28th Co. of London Rgt. (Artists)	Machine Gun School. G.H.Q., B.E.F., killed March 30th
Ambler, E. ...	Lieut. 1st Yorks ...	
Adams, W. ...	Lieut. ...	
Andrews, A. N. ...	Capt. 4th Batt. Ox and Bucks Light Infantry	
Armstrong, H. R. ...	Captain Wessex Div. R.E. (reserve)	
Allingham, P. ...		

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Service.</i>	<i>Remarks.</i>
Barne, H. H. ...	Lieut. ...	
Bartram, G. ...	Lieut. 8th Batt. Ox and Bucks Light Infantry	
Bateman, Rev. W. B. ...	R.A.M.C. ...	
Bartleet, A. M. ...	Royal Warwick Regt. ...	
Beauman, E. B. ...	Major, R.A.F. ...	Mentioned in dispatches
Bird, L. W. ...	Major, 1st Batt. Royal Berks...	D.S.O., Mentioned in dispatches, wounded Feb. and Oct., 1915
Blackden, L. S. ...	Brig.-General ...	Jamaica
Blampied, C. G. ...	Jersey Militia Reserve ...	
Bourdillon, R. B. ...	Flying Corps ...	in France
Bradley, M. G. ...	Major 17th Batt. Middlesex Rgt	
Brewitt-Taylor, R. ...	Lieut. R.A.M.C., M.C. ...	killed 1918
Brailey, Major ...	R.A.M.C. ...	
Brown, S. K. ...	Lieut. ...	
Bruce, Brig. Gen., Hon. C.G., M.V.O.	6th Ghurkas ...	wounded Dardanelles
Bull, J. C. ...	Major, 10th Batt. West Riding	M.C., mentioned in dispatches
Burrows, M. K. ...	Capt. 5th Batt. Manchester Rgt	M.C., Dardanelles, wounded
Burnett, T. R. ...	Lieut. ...	
Cotterill, H. C. ...	R.F.A. ...	
Capper, W. ...	Brig.-General, C.V.O. ...	War Office
Carr-Saunders, A. M. ...	Lieut. A.S.C. ...	
Challis, A. B. ...	Capt. R.G.A. Heavy Battery ...	killed in France Sept. 21st, 1918, mentioned in dispatches, posthumous. Nov. 8th, 1918
Christison, M. ...	Lieut. 3rd Batt. Black Watch..	Wounded
Collier, Hon. Eric ...	Lieut. Queen's Westminster ...	
Clayton, J. M. ...	Lieut.-Colonel 6th Batt. Sher- wood Foresters	
Crowe, W. ...	Captain ...	Killed 1914
Courtney, H. G. ...	Lieut. R.G.A. ...	Star 1914
Dawson, W. R. ...	Lieut.-Colonel R.A.M.C. ...	
Dent, L. M. E. ...	Acting Major, D.S.O., 6th Dra- goon Guards and Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry	Wounded, mentioned in dispatches
Dixon, W. S. ...	Lieut. R.G.A. ...	Formerly in Artists
Done, N. S. ...	2nd Lieut. Royal Fusiliers ...	Killed, March, 1917

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Service.</i>	<i>Remarks.</i>
Earle, L. M. ...	2nd Lieut. A.S.C. ...	
Ellis, Bernard ...	Captain, D.S.O., R.N.V.R. ...	killed April 21, 1918
Ellwood, V. T. ...	Captain R.A.M.C. ...	
Ewen, G. T. ...	Captain, 3rd Batt. Manchester Regt. ...	M.C., mentioned in dispatches, missing, believed killed, March 8th, 1916
Fletcher, J. H. B... ..	Lieut. 7th City of London Batt. The London Regt. ...	Killed in action (1915)
Fletcher, P. ...	Colonel ...	
Fletcher, P. C. ...	Lieut. 5th Batt. Manchester Regt. ...	Wounded
Fraser, A. H. ...	Capt. R.F.A. ...	
Franklin, W. ...	O.T.C. Inns of Court ...	
Gardiner, H. ...	2nd Lieut., 172nd Bde., R.F.A. ...	
Garnett, K. G. ...	Lieut. R.F.A. ...	Wounded, returned to front, died of wounds, Aug. 1917
Good, T. H. ...	Capt. 9th Dublin Fusiliers ...	Killed, 1916
Grant, D. F. ...	Major, 84th Bde., R.F.A., M.C. ...	in France; twice wounded
Greaves, A. ...	French Motor Ambulance ...	in Vosges
Grenfell, F. H. ...	Captain R.N. ...	D.S.O. and Bar
Grimthorpe, Lord ...	Captain ...	
Harrison, J. F. ...	Lieut. ...	
Hardy, H. H. ...	Major, 8th Batt. Rifle Brigade. ...	General Staff. B.E.F.
Harland, Rev. H. C. ...	Army Chaplain ...	in France
Hartree, Cyril ...	Lieut. ...	Killed, 1918
Hassard, Wm. R. ...	Surgeon R.N., H.M.S. "Hermione" and "Neptune" ...	
Hawkins, E. F. S... ..	Lieut.-Colonel A.S.C. ...	D.S.O.
Hazard, J. de V. ...	Lieut. R.E., 212th Field Coy... ..	Wounded twice
Henderson, W. G. ...	Lieut. Q.M. ...	
Hill, R. E. ...	Brevet Colonel ...	
Holland, C. Thurstan ...	Major R.A.M.C., 1st Wounded Base Hospital, Liverpool ...	
Hordern, C. ...	Lt.-Col., 4th Division R.E. ...	
Innes, Alexander ...	Lt., 1st Highland Bde. R.F.A. ...	in France
James, N. Brett ...	Captain, O.T.C. ...	
James, W. W. ...	Hon. Consulting Dental Surgeon to Military Hospitals, London ...	
Julius, A. D. ...	Captain, Essex Regt. ...	

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Service.</i>	<i>Remarks.</i>
Kay, W. R. ...	Lieut., 5th Batt. Hants Regt. (Reserve)	
Kennedy, W. D. ...	Lieut. R.A.M.C. ...	
Kenyon, A. ...	R.E. ...	France
King-Church, C. E. ...	Capt. 7th City of London Batt. The London Regt. (Bradfield and Oriel)	1st Hon. Treas. of Assoc., killed in action. 25/9/15, Double Crassier, Battle of Loos
Kirkwood, J. T. ...	Balloon Hand, R.A.F. ...	
Lancaster, Rev. N. ...	C.F. ...	
Lawford, B. ...	Lieut.-General, List ...	attached Base Censor
Lee-Warner, E. H. ...	Lieut., 8th Lancs Battery, 4th W. Lancs R.F.A.	
Lehmann, H. D. ...	Lieut. R.F.C. ...	
Levin, A. E. ...	Major R.E., "T" ...	
Lindsay, Scott ...	Captain ...	Staff
Lister, W. T. ...	Colonel R.A.M.C., C.M.G. (ophthalmic Surgeon)	at Boulogne
Lunn, H. K. ...	Sub.-Lieut. R.N.D. ...	Prisoner in Germany
Lindsell, —. ...	Major ...	
Matthews, Rev. H. J. ...	C.N.N., H.M.S. "Malaya" ...	
Mallory, G. ...	Lt. R.F.A., Intelligence Corps.	Casualty Clearing Station, France
Manser, F. B. ...	Major R.A.M.C. ...	
Mason, A. E. W. ...	Major 21st Service Batt. Man- chester Regt.	seconded for Naval Intelligence Div.
Middleditch, R. N. ...	Captain ...	Wounded & prisoner
Mildred, E. W. ...	Lieut. 5th Batt. Essex Regt. ...	
Miley, M. (junr.) ...	Lt. 1st Northumbrian R.F.A. ...	Died of wounds, Dec. 30th, 1915
Mills, F. R. ...	Lieut. ...	Wounded
Minchinton, H. D. ...	Capt. K.G.O. 1st Ghurkas ...	Indian Ex. Force, wounded
Millar, R. C. H. ...	Capt. Black Watch ...	
Monro, Rev. C., M.B. ...	Lieut. R.A.M.C. ...	
Montague, C. E. ...	Lieut. Royal Fusiliers ...	Staff Headquarters, B.E.F.
Miller, Dr. W. H. ...	Co. Comm. City of London ...	
Montgomery, J. E. ...	Lieut. Sussex R.G.A. "T" ...	
Moore, W. A. M. ...	Capt. R.F.A. Lancs ...	
Morley, W. ...	Ambulance Unit of British Red Cross, Adjutant	in France
Morrow, Rev. Canon ...	Army Chaplain, 12th London ...	
Mothersill, H. J. ...	Major 2/5 Batt. Cheshire Regt. T.F.	
Muir, Dr. J. C. ...	Capt. R.A.M.C. ...	in charge of hospital, Malta

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Service.</i>	<i>Remarks.</i>
Murrey, E. Douglas	Lieut. 8th Black Watch ...	Killed July, 1916
Myers, Dr. C. S. ...	Capt. R.A.M.C. ...	
Nussey, C. A. ...	Capt. 1st C. B. London Regt. (Queen's)	
O'Brien, E. ...	Colonel, O.C. 111th Coy. R.E. (Lancs)	
Odell, Noel Ewart...	Lieut. R.E. ...	Wounded in France
Overton, T. D. ...	Lieut. 6th Lincoln Regt. ...	Killed in action, Gallipoli, July 15, 1915
Phillips, E. S. ...	Lieut. 7th City of London ...	Killed in action, France, May 7, 1915
Pickard, Ransom ...	Colonel in command 24th Field Ambulance, 8th Div.	at Front
Popham, Rev. A. E.	Chaplain, 1st Brigade ...	at Front
Porter, C. R. ...	Capt. R.A.M.C. (4th Hussars).	at Front
Porter, H. E. L. ...	Captain R.E. ...	M.C.
Porter, A. Blackwood	Lieut. H.L.I. ...	Killed, Oct. 3, 1915
Porter, O. J. ...	Lieut. ...	
Potter-Kirby, G. A.	Lieut. A.S.C., 23rd Division ...	
Potter-Kirby, J. W.	Sergeant ...	
Prichard, A. I. ...	Sergeant Civil Service Rifles ...	Killed in France, 21st May, 1916
Rawlence, C. V. ...	Lieut. R.N.R. ...	
Reid, C. J. ...	Captain, 9th R. Warwickshire Regt.	Missing (Dardanelles 1915, August)
Reid, K. G. ...	Lieut. R.N.V.R., H.M.S. "Tiger"	now Naval Instructor Dartmouth
Roberts, W. M. ...	Capt. R.F.A. ...	
Robinson, F. L. ...	Capt. R.N. ...	D.C.S., mentioned in despatches
Robson, J. O. ...	Lt. Gordon Highlanders, after R.A.F.	Wounded Messines, Oct., 1914
Rodick, Robert ...	Colonel ...	
Rows, Dr. R. G. ...	Major R.A.M.C. ...	in Command Military Hospital, Liverpool
Richardson, E. C. ...	Lieut. R.F.A. ...	
Runge, H. ...		
Richards, R. P. E. ...	Lieut. A.S.C. ...	
Rutherford, E. ...	Lieut. Northumberland Hussars	

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Service.</i>	<i>Remarks.</i>
Saunders, L. D. ...	2nd Lt. Scouts' Batt. Artists' Rifles	killed in action, 1915
Salter, F. G. ...	Captain 5th Batt. Rifle Brigade	Wounded
Sebag-Montefiore, C. R. M.	Captain Royal East Kent Mounted Rifles	Died from wounds, 1915 (Dardanelles)
Seymour, Dr. H. F.	Surgeon R.N.	H.M.S. "Furious"
Sharpe, W. S. ...	Capt. 2/1st London Regiment, Royal Fusiliers	Wounded
Sharpe, R. L. ...	Capt. and Adj. London Regt., Royal Fusiliers	Wounded
Sharpe, P. H. ...	Major R.E.	
Shipstone, O. ...	British Red Cross Base	
Slater, C. ...	Capt. R.A.M.C.	
Slater, E. V. ...	Capt. 7th Batt. Yorks Regt.	in France, wounded
Smith, Sir Lindsey...	Captain	
Squires, R. D. ...	Captain	killed in action, 1915
Steel, Claud ...	Capt. 10th Batt. Royal South Lancs Regt.	
Stirling, R. K. ...	Lt. Royal Fusiliers, 5th Batt.	Killed in action, Aug. '15, in France
Seaton, T. H. ...	Captain R.E.	
Sturdy, Dr. C. A. ...	Captain R.A.M.C.	Died, May 1919, Bombay
Stewart, W. Gordon	Lieut. Royal Scots	
Steel, G. A. ...	Commander R.N.V.R.	
Tallerman, H. K. ...	Lieut.	
Thompson, Roger E.	Captain Hants Carbineers (Yeomanry)	Killed, April 12th, 1918, in France
Thompson, P. S. ...	Lieut. Quartermaster	
Thorington, J. S. ...	Lieut.	U.S.A., served previously as Doctor for 6 months in France
Unna, P. J. ...	Lieut. R.N.V.R.	
Vincent, W. M. ...	2nd Lieut. 8th Suffolks	
Vincent, Wm. M. B., M.E.C.S.	Colonel R.A.M.C.	Killed, 1917
Vischer, Rev. ...	C.F.	
Ward, R. O. ...	Major H.A.C.	D.S.O., M.C.
Watson, H. M. D. ...	2nd Lieut. 8th Batt. Cameron Highland Coy.	

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Service.</i>	<i>Remarks.</i>
Wells, Rev. E. G. ...	C.F. ...	
Wilcox, Rev. A. G. ...	Chaplain of Forces ...	
Wilcox, Kenneth ...	2nd Lieut. Queen's Royal West Surrey	Killed in action near Ypres, Nov. 8th, 1915, aged 20
Williams, H. R. ...	Lieut. R.F.A. ...	111th Brigade
Willis, Dr. H. D. ...	Captain R.A.M.C. ...	Killed
Workman, R. ...	Major 13th Batt. R. Irish Rifles	Wounded
White, R. M. ...	R.M.L.I. ...	
Western, O. ...	Lieut. ...	
Woodsend, W. ...	Private M.T.A.S.C. ...	
Young, J. ...	Instructor R.M.A., Woolwich ...	

Photographs of those who have been killed in the War have been framed and placed in our Club Room.

The Geneva Section proposes, after the War, to erect a bronze memorial to the British Members of the Swiss Alpine Club who have fallen. Our Association also propose to erect a memorial in our Club Room.

ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH MEMBERS
OF THE
SWISS ALPINE CLUB.

*The Annual Report, Accounts and Balance Sheet
for 1919.*

ROLL OF HONOUR.

A list of the members who served in H.M. Forces during the War will be placed in the Club Room.

MEMBERS.

Sixteen new members have joined during the past year. It is hoped that members will make every effort to secure new members for the S.A.C. and the Association.

The members now are :

December 31st, 1919	412
Less Resignations, Deaths, etc....	21
	<hr/> 391

Of these 148 are Life Members and 14 Honorary Members.

We regret to announce that the following member has died on active service, Captain H. G. Willis (*Oberland*). We also regret to announce the death of six of our members during the year, viz., J. R. Brotherton (*Geneva*), The Rev. Canon Martin, 'AC.' (*Geneva*), C. Cannan, 'AC.' (*Oberland*), H. Archer Thomson (*Geneva*), C. A. Sturdy (*Geneva*), and Walter Larden, 'AC.' (*Geneva*).

PROGRESS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

June,	1909	.....	Members	26
Dec. 31st,	1909	.....	"	120
"	1910	.....	"	250
"	1911	.....	"	330
"	1912	.....	"	386
"	1913	.....	"	426
"	1914	.....	"	451 (War)
"	1915	.....	"	440 "
"	1916	.....	"	423 "
"	1917	.....	"	410 "
"	1918	.....	"	408 "
"	1919	.....	"	391

SUMMER HOLIDAYS.

Thanks to the increased facilities for foreign travel several members of the Association were climbing in the French, Swiss and Italian Alps last summer.

SWISS ALPINE CLUB.

The Hon. Treasurer has continued to collect on behalf of most of the Sections which contain British Members the Annual Subscriptions for 1919. The total sum so collected for 1919 amounted to £264 4s. 5d.

TOTAL SUBSCRIPTIONS RAISED BY THE ASSOCIATION.

	£	s.	d.
Club Hut Britannia	830	1	6
Clinton Dent Memorial	73	5	0
Belgian Relief Fund	61	8	6
Swiss Guides Relief Fund	367	1	7
Visits of Relatives to Prisoners of War in Switzerland	117	10	6
Total	£1449	7	1

CLUB ROOMS AND LIBRARY.

The Club Room is at Gatti's, 436, Strand, W.C. (2nd floor), and affords a meeting place for members.

The Committee have purchased several books connected with the Alps for the Library including a complete set of the Alpine Journal; Peaks, Passes and Glaciers, etc.

Dr. H. L. R. Dent kindly presents the current number of the Alpine Journal.

A catalogue of the Library will be found in the Club Room.

Monthly Dinners are held there on the 4th Wednesday in each month at 7.30.

Gifts of Books for the Library will be gratefully received by the Hon. Librarian, C. T. Lehmann, Old Manor House, Gunnersbury Lane, W.

The Committee acknowledge, with many thanks, the receipt from the executor of the late A. C. Adams, one of our members who was killed in the war, of a gift of Alpine books in his memory.

The Geneva Section has contributed £20 towards the expenses of the Association so that Members of the S.A.C. resident in this country may obtain, out of the subscriptions paid by them, some of the advantages which their Swiss colleagues enjoy but from which we are debarred by living in this country.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The President, Vice-Présidents, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Secretaries, Hon. Librarian, Hon. Auditor and Hon. Solicitor for the ensuing year were elected at the Annual Meeting on November 26th (for names see inside cover). The name of J. A. B. Bruce was added to the list of Vice-Présidents.

THE COMMITTEE.

The following retired from the Committee in accordance with Rule 7b :—J. Y. Dent, N. E. Odell, E. E. Roberts, G. A. Steel and E. R. Taylor.

The following have been elected in their place:—
R. A. Frazer, D. F. Grant, W. M. Roberts, J. O.
Robson and Sir C. T. Ruthen.

Eight Committee Meetings were held during the year.

FINANCE.

The accounts have been audited by Mr. R. Graham, the Hon. Auditor. There is a balance in Revenue for the year of £139 16s. 6d. The Life Membership Reserve Fund stands at £222 9s. 3d. invested in War Loan in the names of J. A. B. Bruce and W. M. Roberts as Trustees. For further particulars see the Balance Sheet at the end of the Report.

DINNERS.

On June 25th a Complimentary Dinner was given to the Members of the Association who had served in H.M. Forces, at the Adelaide Galleries, Gatti's Restaurant. Amongst those present were Viscount Bryce, O.M., Sir Leonard Powell, and W. P. Haskett-Smith. The President, Major A. E. W. Mason, was in the Chair, and about 80 members were present. A Report of the speeches is issued with this Report. The Menu card, which is also reproduced, was designed by one of our Honorary Members, Mr. H. G. Willink, to whom our best thanks are due.

The first Annual Dinner since the termination of hostilities was held at the Adelaide Galleries on November 26th. The President, Major A. E. W. Mason, was in the Chair, and about 90 members and guests attended. Amongst those present were Lord Sumner, Lord Grimthorpe, Sir Martin Conway, M.P., and W. P. Haskett-Smith. A report of these speeches is also published herewith.

The Informal Dinners continue to be well attended by Members and their friends. Ladies have been invited to some, and Lantern Slides shown afterwards.

The Annual General Meeting was held on Nov. 26th for the election of Officers and one-third of the Committee. This was followed by the Annual Winter Dinner.

MONTHLY DINNERS IN 1920.

These will be held on the 4th Wednesday in each month (except July, August, November and December), at 7.30 p.m. at Gatti's Restaurant, 436, Strand, W.C. Notice will always be given when ladies may be invited. Members wishing to dine should communicate with the Hon. Secretary, 34, Great Ormand Street, W.C.1 as early as possible, together with the number of guests, if any.

The price of the dinners is collected at table.

Committee Meetings are held half an hour before each dinner.

The Annual Winter Dinner will be held in November.
Dates in 1920.

January	28th.	April	28th.	September	22nd.
February	25th.	May	26th.	October	27th.
March	24th.	June	23rd.		

SUMMER HOLIDAYS IN SWITZERLAND, 1920.

A Summer Dinner, combined with a visit to Cabane Britannia, will be held at Saas Fee during the month of August. This Dinner was arranged to take place in 1914, but owing to the war had to be postponed. Further particulars will be announced in due course.

Anyone desiring to make up parties for climbing this summer are requested to communicate with the Hon. Secretaries.

1919.
LIFE MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.
Balance	222	9	3
Six Members, 1919	12	12	0
	<u>£235</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>

	£	s.	d.
To Revenue Account	12	12	0
Balance	222	9	3
	<u>£235</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>

BALANCE SHEET, Year ending December 31st, 1919.

LIABILITIES.	£	s.	d.
Life Membership	222	9	3
Revenue	139	16	6
S.A.C.	3	18	7
Service Dinner	6	18	6
	<u>£373</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>10</u>

ASSETS.	£	s.	d.
Net Balance at Bank	66	3	6
Investments at Cost:			
200 War Loan, 3½ per cent.			
1925 to 1928	188	17	3
102 : 12 : 7 War Loan, 5%.			
1927 to 1947	97	3	4
Exchequer Bond, 1920, 5%.	20	0	0
	<u>306</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7</u>
Due from S.A.C. Account	0	18	9
	<u>£373</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>10</u>

January, 1920.

Audited and found correct,

R. GRAHAM, *Hon. Auditor.*

The above Accounts audited by Reginald Graham, were presented at the January Meeting. The bookcase, books, banner, model of Club hut, etc., are valued at about £100, but are not included in the assets. Nothing was taken to Revenue Account from Life Membership Account, 1914 to 1917.

ACCOUNTS TO DECEMBER 31st, 1919.

Association of British Members of Swiss Alpine Club.

RECEIPTS TO DECEMBER 31st, 1919.

	Section of S.A.C. £ s. d.	Association. £ s. d.	Service Dinner. £ s. d.	Total. £ s. d.
Subscriptions Collected for Sections of S.A.C.	264 4 5	..	..	264 4 5
Subscriptions of Members of Association—217 at 5/- .....	..	54 5 0	..	54 5 0
Life Members (6) .....	..	12 12 0	..	12 12 0
Donation from Geneva Section towards Expenses of Association....	..	20 0 0	..	20 0 0
Dividends on War Loan 'net' .....	..	9 19 6	..	9 19 6
Dinner Tickets	36 5 0	..	36 5 0
Donations—Dinner to Service Members	71 13 0	71 13 0
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PAYMENTS TO DECEMBER 31st, 1919.

	Sections of S.A.C. £ s. d.	Association. £ s. d.	Service Dinner. £ s. d.	Total. £ s. d.
Subscriptions paid over to S.A.C.	261 4 7	261 4 7
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Half Share Reporters' Press Association	2 1 2	..	2 1 2
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Dinner—Gatti's	89 2 6	..	89 2 6
Printing	44 8 1	..	44 8 1
Clerical Assistance	5 2 2	..	5 2 2
Books for Library	0 6 3	..	0 6 3
Stamps, &c.	24 2 0	..	24 2 0
Subscription Repaid	0 5 0	..	0 0 0
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ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH MEMBERS
OF THE
SWISS ALPINE CLUB.

SPEECHES

AT COMPLIMENTARY DINNER GIVEN TO
SERVICE MEMBERS.

ON JUNE 25th, 1919.

The Chairman (Major A. E. W. Mason) in proposing the toast of "The King," said :—

"Comrades of the British Association of the Swiss Alpine Club, and fellow guests, the toast which I have first of all dutifully to propose is one which, as a rule, we drink to without words, content with the knowledge that the mere title expresses our solicitude in regard to the welfare of his Majesty and our love of that orderly system of life with which we are familiar in England. But after four years and a half of war, it is perhaps right we should recognise that, contrary to the opinions of a few and to the hopes of a mere handful, the four years and a half of war have tightened the bond of relationship between his Majesty and his people. Gentlemen, the King !"

The toast having been enthusiastically honoured, the Chairman said :—

"Members of the British Association of the Swiss Alpine Club and guests, we are to drink now to the "Members who have Fallen," with sympathy for all their relatives, but not in any spirit of mourning for them, since they died doing the finest service which the world knows. Out of a small Association of little over 100 men, 160 had the privilege of serving their Country during this war (bear, bear), and of that number 30 gave their lives. This is a high average, and it is an average of which we here may very well be proud, and we can feel too, that if you look at the list of those who have died, the age at which they have died is a tribute to that training which the endurance of storms and snow and hard work on the Alps has given to us all. Gentlemen, I am not going to dwell on this toast, as it is one which will be drunk in silence, but, of one thing we may be very glad indeed, that all those who fell had

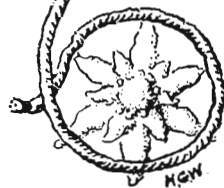


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25 JUN. 1919.



MENU.

Hors d'Œuvres Varies.

Petite Marmite.

Crème d'Asperges.

Truite froide Norvegienne.

Noix de Veau piqué au Madere.

Nuilles Alsaciennes.

Pommes Duchesse.

Poulet rotie en Casserole.

Salade de Saison.

Bombe Tutti Frutti.

Gaufrettes.

Café.

25th June, 1919.

A. & S. GATTI.

The Association of British Members
of the
SWISS ALPINE CLUB.

JUNE 25th, 1919,
at
THE ADELAIDE GALLERY, 436, STRAND.

Chairman - - - - - MAJOR A. E. W. MASON.

TOASTS.

(1) THE KING.

(2) MEMBERS WHO HAVE FALLEN.
(Will be received in silence.)

(3) MEMBERS WHO HAVE SERVED.

Proposed by SIR R. LEONARD POWELL and VISCOUNT BRYCE, O.M.

Responded to by COMMANDER GERALD STEEL, C.B., R.N.V.R.

THE PRESIDENT.

MAJOR H. H. HARDY.

MAJOR E. B. BEAUMAN, etc.

(4) THE ALPINE CLUB AND KINDRED ASSOCIATIONS.

Proposed by COLONEL RODICK.

Responded to by W. P. HASKETT-SMITH.

(5) THE CHAIRMAN.

Proposed by J. A. B. BRUCE and CAPTAIN A. N. ANDREWS.

not to fight, in spite of every effort in the way of threats or persuasion, against any of the men who in former times had acted as their loyal guides. Gentlemen, to the memory of those who have fallen ! ”

The toast was received in silence, all standing.

The Chairman :—

“Gentlemen, before calling upon the proposer of the toast to the “Members who have Served,” I have to announce to you—what I am sure will be to the satisfaction of all of us—that we did not feel inclined, if we could help it, to let one of our oldest members, and one whose knowledge of the Alps is greater than that of most of us, come to our dinner here and go away without saying a few words. And, therefore, we were all very pleased indeed to know that the Right Honourable Viscount Bryce would say a few words (hear, hear). We have, therefore, asked him to propose this toast to the members who have served, and it will be seconded by Sir Leonard Powell, instead of being proposed by him. I call upon Viscount Bryce ” (cheers).

Viscount Bryce, in proposing the toast of “Members who have Fallen,” said :—

“I feel a little ashamed of coming in before my friend, Sir Leonard Powell, but I assure you that I will not take, as far as I know, any bread out of his mouth in the few remarks I have to make on the subject. They will be as remote as possible from those he will make. I do not quite know why I am selected to say anything on this toast, because I have no special claim to speak of the military forces or to pay the deserved tribute to those who have fought in the war. My only connection with his Majesty’s armed services was performed very long ago in the capacity of non-commissioned officer in the Oxford University Rifles (hear, hear).

Gentlemen, it is a pleasure to me that so many who love the Alps and whose associations with that most interesting and agreeable and stimulating of all forms of exercise of mountain climbing . . . the air may be more exciting, but it does not give so much scope for the development of the muscles of the body . . . have served their country. I do wish to say, and this I can say with the greatest pleasure, and I am glad of the opportunity of saying it, how much those of us whose time for active life is past and who have to live upon our recollections, admire the wonderful spirit with which the youth of this country, and others, threw themselves into the service of the country. Gentlemen, there has never been anything like it in history. I do not suppose in our long history there has been any time since Harold called upon all Englishmen, all the able-bodied adult males, to come forward to defend the country against invasion by the King of Norway in the North, and Duke William of Normandy in the South, an event which pro-

duced a considerable change in England, when the whole manhood of the country was turned out in defence of the country ; and that response was the most wonderful thing English history had seen. None of us, when we think of the tens of thousands, the hundreds of thousands, and the millions who rallied to the aid of the country, can fail to regard with silent astonishment and gratitude the valour and splendid spirit of our country. So I can venture to speak for all of us when I say that "we honour you, and we shall never forget the services you have rendered."

One of the interesting things of the war has been the achievement of the Citizen Army, and the way in which men of all ranks, with all sorts of previous experiences, were obliged to adapt themselves to this new life, and showed, many of them, remarkable talent for it. And I suppose if the war had gone on longer we should have had men who had entered from some branch of civil life who would have discovered military talents which would have raised them to the very first rank in their country. But apparently in trench warfare they had rather less opportunity to display the gallantry of the men of former days, though many of them rose to the position of Brigadier-General to show their talents upon the large scale of great operations. I should like to echo what was said by you, Mr. Chairman, about the training which the pursuit of Alpine climbing gave, no doubt, to many of those who served. It was useful for the endurance of hardships. Slipping on boulders and hard rocks—how very hard some Swiss rocks have been (laughter)—the want of food, and many other discomforts they have endured there ; everything except trench fever. Trench fever certainly does not thrive in those altitudes (laughter). Another quality developed to a remarkable degree, and one which, I am sure, those of you who served had many opportunities of developing, is the power to command and to make quick decisions. I do not think there is anything where quick decisions are needed more than in Alpine climbing. You have not only to decide on the way that you are going to take on ascent or descent, but you have to make very instant decisions in cases of emergency. In this connection, may I say that I have been very much struck since the Army came back, and since the men emerged from khaki, with the number of faces that I meet in the streets now—far more than I ever met before—which have a look of command and decision. And I think that must be due to the habit which officers have formed of giving commands and deciding upon a course of action. There are much larger numbers of faces which bear the expression which belongs to the soldier of command, and to the thinking soldier of command, and not to the mere old-fashioned soldier who did not put his heart into the matter—the man of 80 or 100 years ago. I should not be surprised if to men in trade and men in business the habits formed in military service prove precious to them in civil life also.

May I pass from that for one moment. I hope that our Club members will begin to form the habit of going back to Switzerland, and I say that for this reason, that it is extremely desirable that we should cultivate close relations with Switzerland. We are cut off now entirely from Germany (hear, hear). I am glad to have the assent to that. At the same time there are things about Germany which it is very desirable we should know, and the best and only way of knowing what is really happening in Germany is to climb in Switzerland. You see the German newspapers and you hear what is passing there, and you can take the measure of it and feel the pulse of the German people through Switzerland in a way, it is desirable we should do without crossing to the soil of Germany, which we do not desire to do. And further, I would like to say this, French people in Switzerland have been in very hearty sympathy with us. I happen to have the good fortune to have friends there, and I have had letters from them and I know how heartily they have thrown themselves into the Allied cause. It would be a very good thing anyway, to keep our relations with them as close as possible; and we should get in touch with Continental thought through Switzerland as well as through France, for you get a different kind of Continental thought in Switzerland from that which you get in France. Switzerland is a country far ahead of us, with a policy and a Government which are the admiration of the world. The more we know of that part of Switzerland which is especially in sympathy with us, the better it will be for us. We should also spend time in the cities and get to know the people and try to bring back those ties which will enable us to bring our nation and that nation more closely together.

Having said that—I apologise for having said so much—I will return to the subject of the toast and ask you to drink most heartily to the members who fought in the war, and will associate with it the names of Commander Steel, who has had a distinguished career in the Navy, of our President, of Major Hardy, and of Major Beaman. I would like to say to you all, that those of us who are civilians, whether old or young, wish you all long life to enable you, those of you who are married and have children and grandchildren, to tell them, and through them the generations that have to come, what happened in this war, and to hand down to them the traditions which we have formed, and tell them what England was in those times of trial. May it be your happiness down to the end of your lives” (cheers).

Sir R. Leonard Powell supported the toast and said :

“Mr. Chairman, my Lords and Brother Associates, if any of you have known Mr. Bruce as long as I, and are as fully acquainted with the subtleties of his nature, or rather his good nature, you will sympathise with me when I say that when he

issues his commands or makes a request, you have nothing to do but immediately stand to attention and obey.

This was my position when he asked me to take part in this toast this evening, but when last night he told me that I was to follow Lord Bryce, that man of pre-eminence among eminent men, that world renowned orator, and a man with such cultivated taste of imagination, I felt at once that my task would be a very easy one, and all responsibility taken from me. I felt as one often does on a fine morning in the Alps with a clear sky above, and having secured the services of the *greatest guide* in the valley, all difficulties and dangers and responsibilities seem to vanish, and you have nothing to do but to follow in the track and in the steps cut for you by your guide.

I therefore feel that I can do nothing better in seconding this toast than by saying that I feel sure you join me in endorsing every word that Lord Bryce has said, and echoing every sentiment that he has expressed.

I must once again mention Mr. Bruce's name and congratulate him on the beautifully artistic menu card he has provided. I think the ice axe and the sword joined together at the top of the card are symbolic of those sentiments which Lord Bryce and our Chairman have expressed in dealing with the splendid training mountaineering was for the battlefield.

Gentlemen, we welcome our comrades back with pride and admiration and gratitude."

Commander Gerald Steel, C.B., R.N.V.R., responding said :—

"Mr Chairman, my Lord and gentlemen, was it not Lord Rosebery who described after-dinner speaking as being a person who has no wish to speak addressing an audience who have no desire to listen? I think that whatever Lord Rosbery said must be true. I am quite certain, however, that in the case of the speeches you have already heard this evening it is absolutely a false definition. But in my own case, I am afraid, it is all too true. In the first place we all hoped, and I more than anybody, that the Senior Service would be represented by one who is a fine blue-water sailor, preferably, if I may single him out, Captain Grenfell, who would have been here if he had not important duty to attend to in the north of England. I am afraid that in rising to reply for the Navy I am an absolute impostor. At the outbreak of war I was dressed in the uniform of a sailor, and I had the very good luck to see a great deal of what the Navy was doing in all parts of the World. and, indeed, my only justification for responding for the Navy is that a spectator does see more of the game than those who actually take part in it. And during the four years and a half, from the days of that famous mobilisation at Spithead, which turned out so fortunate for us, until the armistice was signed,

I did have the good fortune to know what a splendid work the Navy was doing at sea. As I said, I am afraid I am what some sections of the press might call a Cuthbert, Dilly-Dally or limpet, or some other ignoble epithet. But I, like others, had to obey orders. Captain Grenfell, and others I see here, were doing things at sea, and doing them most splendidly (hear, hear).

When I speak of the Navy, if I may be so bold as to represent that service, may I ask to be allowed to include in whatever I say the Reserve of the Royal Navy, the Auxiliary Services, the Royal Marines, and that great Merchantile Marine (cheers). Generous tributes have been paid all over the world, as they have to-night and will be for all time, to the work that the British sea forces accomplished for the Allies. All sailors are brought up to know the Naval Discipline Act, and although we do not always know it very well, there is one passage in it that is worth studying and committing to memory. It is the famous preamble which describes the Fleet in the following words, "That Fleet on whom under Providence the safety, honour and welfare of our Sovereign and his Dominions do chiefly depend." And it was with that duty laid upon the Fleet that they sailed for their war stations on the 1st of August, 1914. The Navy is proud to have carried not only the troops of the Alliance, but its canon fodder, its munitions, its victuals and everything which made it possible for the Armies to win that glorious victory. And besides all this the Navy had a chance from time to time of actively backing up and actively supporting, as they did on the Belgian Coast and at the Dardanelles, the gallant efforts of the Armies in the field. The qualities which are respected in the Navy are the Christian virtues, courage, patience and endurance, and all the rest of it. But there are two which do not occur in that catalogue and which, I think you will agree, are the most valuable of the whole lot. They are cherry optimism and an unfailing good fellowship (cheers). The Navy did not have a chance of dribbling footballs over the top—they would have been glad to do so—but they had other ways of showing their good spirits. And at the risk of their being familiar to you I should like, if I may, to tell two short stories illustrating those qualities.

The first deals with the Auxiliary Services; that splendid race of seamen who left the beach at Brighton or their fishing nets at Lowestoft, or their trawlers on the coast of Scotland and went straight into the Auxiliary Services. It was in the early days of the war, before the German mine became the familiar nuisance into which it afterwards developed. It was in September, 1914. A dirty looking trawler was sighted coming in past Spurn Head and going up the Humber, making for Immingham, where the flag ship of the Senior Naval Officer lay in her train. The trawler was towing a nasty looking object, and she was rapidly approaching the Senior Officer's flag ship when the officer in charge sang out to the skipper; "Look out

there! Don't bring that nasty looking thing alongside here." The skipper replied; "It's all right, sir. I heard the horns were the dangerous part, so I have knocked them off with a boat hook" (laughter).

The second story is about the Grand Fleet itself, which after all was the foundation of the whole business. Although the story concerns the "Queen Elizabeth" particularly, which as you all know, is Sir David Beatty's Flag Ship, the moral that it points is applicable to every great ship of that Fleet. In October of last year the Boche looked like giving in, but the Naval Authorities at Whitehall, and all the Grand Fleet, naturally and rightly thought that this Boche might try something desperate either with his High Sea Fleet or his submarines. Just at that time Sir David Beatty's Flag Ship was due for that very welcome period of "refit," which every ship in the Grand Fleet managed to get every 18 months. This period of "refit" meant very welcome rest and change at the dockyard port, which would be Chatham. Chatham is not absolutely a health resort, but, at any rate, it is near the men's homes, and naturally they and the officers were counting upon a period of respite in the near future. But Sir David Beatty saw it was much too serious a time to risk having his Flag Ship away. He is a great man as you all know, and he faced a big situation. Without a moment's hesitation he "fell in" the crew of the "Queen Elizabeth," 1,250 of them, and told them that there was a chance of a scrap—the final scrap in the war—and he could not risk what might be the Boche's selected moment, that moment for which we had waited five years. It was too great a risk to have his Flag Ship away, and he must ask them to accept the disappointment of foregoing their leave. The "refit" must be postponed indefinitely. There was not a word, as there never is in the Navy. The next time the Fleet came into Rosyth after what is called a "sweep," which is really a very unpleasant voyage in the North Sea, the whole ship's company were given the normal three hours' leave in watches. The liberty men went ashore. Out of that 1,250 men, under those trying circumstances, how many of them do you think broke ship or overstayed their leave? Exactly two. That is exactly typical of the spirit of the men (cheers).

What has been said to-night by the proposer and seconder of the toast makes it quite clear that this company, at any rate, appreciates the work of the officers and men of the Fleet. And I am sure you will be as glad as I am that the men have received such a substantial increase in pay, which has made the sailor's life a really tolerable one, and his job a comparatively well paid one. Never again we hope will it be possible for any man to say, as Dr. Johnson said of the sailor's lot: "I cannot think how any man can be a sailor who has sufficient contrivances to get himself into a gaol; for a ship is but a gaol, with the added danger of being drowned."

When I spoke of the spirit of the men just now, I felt

tempted to bring in the name of Captain Grenfell, as he was a typical officer who had fostered that spirit. I do not wish to mention Captain Grenfell alone. There are several officers here—I wish there were more—and they have all contributed to the splendid feeling of good fellowship and comradeship between the quarter and the men's decks. But Grenfell is really, if I may say so with all respect to the others, our "Star" turn. It is not often you get two Bars to the D.S.O. He is an officer who loves service because he had great abilities in private life. That is Grenfell's story in one act. He is a very remarkable man. His job is called a "Q" Ship job. It is not much in the limelight, but it requires every ounce of courage and brain you have got. The real secret of his success was his care, consideration and constant thought for his men. He had under him a volunteer crew, because they were asked to do desperate things. You cannot expect a volunteer crew to follow you unless you are full marks yourself. Grenfell was that every time. I have had the privilege of seeing many reports of his actions, and his men all say he is the finest leader a man can follow. He wore a blue jersey and had a funny looking beard and smoked a clay pipe. He was a thoroughly good officer. It really is not very surprising that Grenfell, who is such a good mountaineer, made such a good sailor, because there really is some very close affinity between the two. They have a very great deal in common. They call for the same qualities and especially those qualities which I have rather elaborated to-night of good fellowship and good temper. I am quite certain that the reason why Grenfell and other members of the Swiss Alpine Club became sailors is that they were such good mountaineers. They were just the same at sea as they were on a mountain. They were as safe as houses. I might rather say they were as safe as a rock, which is rather a better simile. Major Mason, although dressed in khaki, is really a sailor (laughter). I happen to know something of his work. He does not know I do, but I do. He is really a Marine. Major Mason must have a fund of information indeed, for he has travelled to all kinds of outlandish ports.

Mr. Chairman, Lord Bryce, and gentlemen, I am afraid I have been an unconscionable time. I feel I ought to be proposing rather than replying to this toast, because all my knowledge and my inclinations are towards praising the Navy rather than to replying for it. But I do hope that you will accept it from me, unworthy though it is, as an attempt to express our appreciation of what you have said to-night about the Senior Service, and also our appreciation of your generous hospitality" (cheers).

The Chairman said :—

"I think I had better get on as we have many speakers to follow. Commander Steel has spoken for the Navy, Major Hardy is going to speak for the Army, and Major Beauman on

behalf of the Air Service. I am not sure where I come in, in spite of the kindly remarks of Commander Steel. I was a soldier who served the Admiralty (laughter). I was a sailor who had a small ship under his command with which to look after submarine bases and other activities of our enemies—I do not think they are our late enemies yet—in the Mediterranean at the beginning. After that it seemed better to the Admiralty that my position should be irregularised and I was, therefore, made a Marine. But an extraordinary thing happened, for though I was made a Marine I never went to sea at all. I still remember enough, however, to follow that very bad example set by Commander Steel of telling you a story. I happened to be going down the Coast of Morocco in a cruiser. The Germans at that time were trying to land arms to help a General in his operations south of Morocco in order to prevent native troops being sent to France. It became rather necessary, therefore, that this submarine should be stopped before it landed its arms and ammunition. Early one morning I heard two seamen talking outside the cabin door. One said: "Look here, Bill, you was on the Royal Yacht. I want you to tell me what them Maids of Honour are?" And Bill, who was a Johnny-Know-All, as most sailors are, said: "I tell you what they are. When you and me wants a bath we gets somebody to turn the hose on. When the Queen wants a bath one of the Maids of Honour takes a bottle of Eau-de-Cologne and swabs her down" (laughter). The explanation was received with utter contempt by the other sailor and seemed to fulfil perfectly the definition required.

Gentlemen, Lord Bryce has, I think, if I may say so, given us some most valuable advice in urging that we should return to Switzerland as soon as we can, and he has given us this reason, that it is very important that we should once more make ourselves known to the Swiss people and establish ourselves as the real friends of that country. Of this there can be no doubt, the amount of propaganda done inside Switzerland to discredit the English Government and English life amongst the Swiss was something very grave and very great, and I do think that the Alpine Club and the British Association of the Swiss Alpine Club may take some credit to themselves that those places which were known to us, and in which we had made friends, were untouched by that German propaganda. I remember in the year 1912 having a long conversation with a Swiss friend concerning the possibility of war between England and Germany—I at that time did not believe it—and he said, "My one prayer is that if that trouble comes we may be able to keep out, because we owe so much to England." Well, not only did they keep out, but during the last years of this war they provided a place of rest and recreation and a cure for English officers and English soldier men which it would have been very difficult to find elsewhere. There is no doubt those places with which we were most familiar—the Rhone Valley,

Arolla and those parts—have suffered evry greatly during this war by the absence of those people who provided a great deal of their income. Therefore, for every reason, I hope that as soon as opportunities are once more allowed us we shall go back to Switzerland, and I think we shall have the satisfaction of finding that for a certain number of years, at all events, we shall not be so over-run by the German climber as we have been in the past (hear, hear).

I am not going to detain you longer, but I will say this, that my own debt to a now long period of climbing was proved to me over and over again by one's power of physical endurance during this war" (cheers).

Major H. H. Hardy said :—

"Mr. President, Lord Bryce, and Gentlemen: after the brilliant speeches of the distinguished speakers whom we have heard to-night, I feel even more disconcerted than I did when, a week ago, I received orders from our Secretary to reply to-night on behalf of the Army. For, in my spare time, I belong to a profession which is positively paid to talk; and I did think that, on this occasion at any rate, I should be, if not actually paid, at any rate strongly encouraged, to keep silent. But during the last $4\frac{1}{2}$ years most of us have learned to obey orders; indeed I won't really pretend that it is anything but a pleasure, as well as an honour, to reply for the Army, of which I have been a very humble member for nearly 15 years; and though a still more humble mountaineer, I have known and loved the mountains for a longer time than that.

And in both the Army that fights, and that other Army of those who love and climb the hills and mountains, we of the humble rank and file can proudly claim that that Army—which ever it be—is really ours. Indeed the mountains are truly ours. I remember toiling up a mountain—or at any rate a very high and rough hill—in the Cevennes, the Puy de Sancy, in company with a thetoretical Frenchman. Half-way up, an ill-conditioned fellow slouched up to us and demanded "the Tariff." It appeared that the Puy de Sancy did, in fact, belong to some wealthy and uiggardly owner who sought to make money from those who must needs ascend a hill when they see one. But my French companion would have none of this ownership: "Les montagnes, mon Dieu," he cried, with a fine flourish of the arm, "Elles appartiennent à tous les montagnards!" And of these even the humblest may speak of the mountains that all of us here have loved.

All through the War, a certain slim packet in a brown wrapper was month by month delivered to us; and many of you will already have recognised "L'Echo des Alpes," the journal of the S.A.C. Perhaps it found us cursing the dust of Aldershot, or the long hours (contrary to what the Public

believes !) in a certain very large building in Whitehall ; or cursing the most accursed weather of Northern France and Flanders ; and some of you have cursed that and other forms of weather in places far more remote than these. But wherever it might overtake us, the familiar packet took our thoughts right back, far away from the present annoyances and discomforts. I was never one of those who held with the Poet "that sorrow's crown of sorrows is remembering happier things." On the contrary, only two things could make some episodes of warfare tolerable—one was memory, the other hope. And as we turned the pages of our "Echo," we were carried right back to glorious days of initiation on Scafell, or Tryfan, or the Coolins ; or to yet more glorious days of our first mountain in the Alps, even if it were only a long snow trudge from Saas Fee up the Allalinhorn, or from Arolla to the top of the Pigne d'Arolla (for to few of us is it given, as to Commander Steel, to find a new 'face-climb' up the Pigne) : and finally came the memories of that most glorious day of all when we tackled our first real climb : was it, perhaps, from the Mutthorn Hut up one of those Oberland Peaks that a well-girt man may reach from there ? or perhaps we had lain at Ried, in the Lölschenthal, and had climbed the Bietschhorn ; and at evening we returned with feet so weary, with noses peeled, and beards sprouting, but with such a triumphant clamour of joy in our hearts as can never have its echoes wholly stilled, neither by warfare nor by increasing age.

I spoke of weather ; and truly that was what none can forget whose lot it has been, for longer or shorter times, to live wholly out of doors. "Toil we must, who goes mountaineering," says the great Whympier, in a passage well known to many here ; and assuredly toil he must, who goes warfaring : and the degree of that toil depends so enormously on the weather. That great adventurer, Ulysses, in speaking to the old friends of his wanderings, says of them, in Tennyson's Poem, that they were men "who ever with a frolic welcome took the thunder and the sunshine." I do not, indeed, recollect anything that could justly be described a "frolic welcome" extended to the disgraceful weather of a Flanders winter (or summer either, for that matter) ; but at least we who had mountaineered had met the weather face to face in old days, and felt his full fury, and knew him for a foe that may at any moment turn friend again, and anyhow must be faced uncompromisingly and, if it may be, with a jest upon the lips. Indeed I do feel with gratitude that in the mountains one had learned to "stick it ;" and that lesson carries a man very far through the astonishing desolations in which some of us have had to live for greater or less portions of these last four years, most of us for far longer than I.

And now and again would come tantalizing post-cards from our indefatigable Treasurer announcing the next Informal Monthly Dinner of the Association. These, if I am rightly

informed, were regularly arranged for nights on which there would be air-raids on London: indeed, I was present at one such dinner, while on leave, and there was unquestionably an air-raid that night, and I'm afraid to say at what hour we eventually got home. But wherever those notices reached us, they started thoughts, and perhaps talk, full of reminiscence, and, better still, of hope. No one will ever forget that hope of 'Leave, the magic word that could persist through any troubles. I was talking recently to an officer of one of His Majesty's ships that fought in the Jutland Battle. In his battery or turret, or whatever the proper term is, an enemy shell had just killed two men. "We ought to get a bit o' leave after this, Sir," observed an undismayed A.B. to my friend. As he spoke, a second shell knocked out another four of the gun's crew, and the same speaker completed his sentence,—"*a tidy* bit of leave, Sir!"

And now the leave has really come; and perhaps, after all, some of us are feeling, again with Ulysses,

"How dull it is to pause, to make an end,
To rest unburnished, not to shine in use."

and so we get out the now rusty ice-axe, purchased with pride, now long ago, from an Andermatt, or Subersaxo, or Peter Hug, and the terribly stiff climbing-boots, and we write to the few, the terribly few, old friends that still remain, and beg them to try whether they can get ten days clear in September for the Fells or the Mountains:—"Come, my friends"—we borrow from Ulysses again, "'tis not too late to seek a newer world." (It is true, his was a Sailing Club, if I remember, while ours has a different end in view; but if ever the S.A.C. needs a new motto, that tireless wanderer will surely furnish one). And next year, perhaps, we may hope to cross the Channel, no longer with that sinking feeling which, if we are honest, most of us will confess so horribly assailed us as Folkestone faded from view, and the 'Front' drew nearer. But meanwhile, through your hospitality, here we are to-night, back with 'Tous les montagnards,' and I do not think I can hope to tell you, our hosts, how amazingly delightful that is for us, your guests. Mr. President and Gentlemen, on behalf of those members who have been privileged to serve in the Army, and are here to-night, I thank you most heartily for the far too generous words in which you proposed and drank our health, and for the most kindly hospitality which has given us so delightful an evening as your guests."

Major E. B. Beaumann said:—

"Mr. Chairman, my Lord, Gentlemen: one of the chief advantages of belonging to the Junior Service is that I have the good fortune to reply last to the toast just proposed, and on this occasion I think you will agree with me that the Navy and the Army have already answered most suitably—indeed

there remains little more for me to add. However, I should like to say—as Commander Steel said just now of the sea—that the air and the mountains are also much akin, and that a very strong link exists between those connected with either of them. And before sitting down, may I finish by thanking you all very much on behalf of the Royal Air Force for your great kindness and hospitality to-night.”

Colonel Rodick said : in proposing the toast, “The Alpine Club and Kindred Associations.”

“We, as the youngest of the Societies in England, are proud that so many members of the Alpine Club and kindred Societies are members also of the British Association of Members of the Swiss Alpine Club, which shows that our activities are appreciated by other kindred Clubs. I regret that there are so many difficulties in the way of our visiting Switzerland this year, and what a disappointment it is to many. The only one I know of who had been able to get out up to date was Larden, on a medical certificate.”

In rising to reply for the “Kindred Clubs” Mr. W. P. Haskett-Smith declared that—

“All these Clubs and more than all, the Alpine Club owed a vast debt to this Association. All who had been knocking about in the Alps for some years will have noticed occasional symptoms that a small section of the S.A.C. thought their hut policy a trifle too altruistic. Once I was attacked in one of these huts by a Swiss who declared that the ungrateful English used the huts freely and afterwards wrote disparagingly of their builders. My reply was of course that English mountaineers had nothing but praise for the S.A.C., and deeply appreciated their public spirit ; but had from time to time protested against certain Yahoos, members of neither Club, who had misused such generous hospitality. That reply had some little effect, but a far better answer was to be found in the good work which has been accomplished by this Association.

As regards this season I feel considerable doubt (in spite of the encouraging assurances given by Mr. Bourdillon) whether these admirable huts will be much visited by climbers from this island. Many of them might have gladly braved the delays and difficulties of travel and the obstructions of passports ; but when it came to the great food question they were considerably staggered. Moderation in the use of meat was all very well up to a point. I rather believe in it myself, and have, for some years, made a practice of making one meatless meal a day. Latterly many of us have, with some reluctance, adopted meatless days ; but could any strenuous mountaineer contemplate with equanimity a meatless week ? Could he calmly prepare his schedule of stubborn peaks to be conquered on a diet largely composed of bread-substitute, imitation honey and “ersatz”

Worcester sauce ? If it was bad to have too much meat it was far worse to have too little. It reminded one of the "Patent Imperishable Army Sausage," which was intended for consumption by the American Army. It was found, you will remember, that while the ingredients were admirably selected, the process of mixing left much to be desired, and one warrior would receive a sausage composed entirely of somewhat advanced beef, while others got nothing but the condiments. Eventually, therefore, the Committee reported that while the meat without condiment made secrecy of movement impossible, the salt, pepper or mustard sausages, though highly stimulating for a time, did not supply the soldier with sufficient stamina to enable him to support the fatigues of a prolonged and arduous campaign.

The evening's programme has artfully lured you here with a promise of short speeches, and I am not going to belie that promise : but I can not sit down without seizing this, the first chance I have had of tendering a word of earnest thanks to you for the high distinction you have conferred upon me in electing me one of your Honorary Members. I feel that I have no right whatever to a place in that select and exalted group, but that feeling only serves to increase my appreciation of your flattering kindness."

The following letter was read by the Chairman :—

10, rue Toepffer,
Geneva,
Switzerland,
June 18, 1919.

To the Association of British Members of the
Swiss Alpine Club.
c/o Capt. A. N. Andrews.

Dear fellow Members,

I cannot allow your prospective dinner of 25th inst. to pass un-noticed by me. I am sure several of my colleagues in the Geneva Section are writing to you. But, as one of the founders of the Association, I am perhaps more heartily interested in the Dinner than most of your Genevese correspondents. I may say also that after advocating for twelve years, till its adoption by the British Parliament, the principle of Compulsory Military Service, I feel perhaps more closely bound up with the soldier Members of the Association than mere Alpine Sports in common would justify.

My mind harks back to the joyful applause amid which the Association was ushered into life, December 1909, when I had the honour of addressing you in the name of the Central Committee of the Swiss Alpine Club. Who of us at that time could expect that such a heavy sacrifice of life, health and happiness would be exacted from British manhood within a few years, to meet the call made upon it by duty and love of country ?

The wonderful growth of the Association from year to year till the war broke out, the fidelity with which its members, in spite of financial strain and mental distress, remained loyal to the Association and kept up its strength, the immense generosity with which you said over and over again, that you expected nothing from Switzerland but a consistent and trustworthy neutrality, none of those tokens of affection and noble mindedness has passed unobserved of those in this country who knew how to be just and grateful. All the Swiss can say, in return for so much confidence reposed in them, is that they just managed to make effective the curtain of three hundred thousand men they placed in 1914 along their border, and to keep in their own hands the keys to the plains of northern Italy and to the positions in the rear of the French army. We saved, gentlemen, the Alps which you love, and for the saving of those many of your number have heroically fallen on the battlefields chosen by their own country.

I had hoped at a time that the booming of the British naval guns in such battles as the battle of Jutland would have given the signal for a sharp rattle of Swiss musketry responding in fellowship from the Alps.

But what if we had challenged the foe and been beaten ! The tide which swept over Servia, Roumania and Poland would have been poured forth over Switzerland, opening up to the German hordes much more decisive battlefields in the very heart of Europe.

But so great is our debt to the British who fell in the war, so closely were the colleagues you have lost bound up in love with our Alpine fastnesses, that we count as nothing the loss of the three thousand Swiss who, out of six thousand who enlisted in the Foreign Legion of France, gave up their lives to the great cause fought for beyond their own native borders. But we put forward no extenuating plea. We have all, to a man, been sorely troubled in our mind. The shouts of the multitudes which greeted during the night—and how many nights !—the progress of the British interned on their way from the Rhine to their places of internment, were as the shriek of a stricken conscience seeking relief. The chains of neutrality bruised our hearts. No prisoners of war sent to Switzerland had anything like the reception given to the British. By how many of your officers have I not been told that tears welled up and filled their eyes. They wondered what the hidden smothered impulse was which gave itself vent so irresistibly. Indeed, it was an acknowledgment of British chivalry by Swiss men and women debarred by treaty-law from fulfilling any other duties than those which fall to the lot of a people made neutral by European statute.

So, let me say no more. It is best that I should end upon this note of apologetic regret. There remains with us the comfort that the British flag may continue to be unfurled without

hindrance in the Swiss Alps, by the effect of a victory still greater than the British people gained over Napoleon the First. At that time the Swiss shewed themselves unequal to the task of successfully resisting invasion. The British flag was excluded from Switzerland for sixteen years till the tyrant who would have destroyed British liberty after depriving the Swiss of theirs, played his last card at Waterloo and lost the game.

But let us look away from those distant times.

While you meet in London to honour those of our British colleagues who did not return from the battlefield or have suffered in limb or health, the thought of your Genevese colleagues will be with you and share in the reverent feeling that brings you together.

F. F. ROCHET.

List of those present at the Dinner to Service Members
on June 25th, 1919.

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| *Adams, Lieut. W. | *O'Brien, Lt.-Col. E. |
| Allen, B. M. | *Odell, Lieut. Noel E., R.E. |
| *Andrews, Captain A. N., | Pearce, Rev. J. |
| <i>Hon. Sec.</i> | Press Association, The |
| Bailey, F. H. (The "Times") | *Potter-Kirby, Lieut. J. W. |
| Barnard, W. | Powell, Sir R. Leouard |
| Barnes, A. | and guest |
| *Bartram, Lieut. G. | Pulling, H. G. |
| *Beauman, Major E. B. | (<i>Vice-President</i>) |
| Bezencinet, M. | Rappard, W. M. |
| Bourdillon, F. W. | Reed, J. T. |
| *Bourdillon, Lt.-Col. R. | Roberts, E. E. |
| *Bradley, Major M. G. | *Roberts, Captain W. M. |
| Bruce, J. A. B. | *Robinson, Capt. F. L., M.C. |
| (<i>Hon. Treasurer</i>) | *Robson, Lieut. J. O. |
| Bryce, The Right Hon. | Rodick, Colonel |
| Viscount, O.M. | (<i>Vice-President</i>) |
| Clarke, L. W. | Roger-Smith, Dr. H. |
| Clayton, Colonel E. | Roger-Smith, Raymond |
| Cleave, E. R. | (guest) |
| *Collier, Lieut. The Hon. Eric | Ruthen, Sir Charles T. |
| Dent, Dr. H. L. R. | *Salter, Captain F. G. |
| (<i>Vice-President</i>) | *Seaton, Captain T. H. |
| Dimier, G. | *Seymour, H. F., Surgeon R.N. |
| Ellis, F. N. | *Sharpe, Captain W. S. |
| Finzi, N. | *Sharpe, Captain R. L. |
| Frazer, R. A. | *Shipstone, O. |
| Graham, Reginald | *Smith, Captain Sir Lindsay |
| *Hardy, Major H. H. | *Steel, Commander Gerald. |
| Haskett-Smith, W. P. | C.B., R.N.V.R. |
| Harris, E. B. | *Tallerman, Lieut. H. K. |
| Heard, Rev. Prebendary H. J. | Tate, C. R. |
| *Holland, Major C. Thurstan | Taylor, E. R. |
| Horniman, Lieut. Eric (guest) | The "Times" |
| *James, Captain N. Brett | Tucker, G. D. R. |
| Kirby, Rev. V. | Tucker, H. Scott |
| Lamb, Charles | *Unna, Lieut. P. J., R.N.V.R. |
| *Lawford, Lieut. B. | *Vischer, Rev. M., C.F. |
| Lehmann, C. T. | Western, A. E. |
| *Lehmann, — | *Western, Lieut. Oswald |
| *Mallory, Lieut. G. Legh | Williamson, Dr. O. K. |
| *Mason, Major A. E. W. | |
| (<i>President</i>) | |

* Service Members.

ANNUAL DINNER.

NOVEMBER 26TH, 1919.

(To which Service Members who were not able to be present at the June dinner given in their honour, were invited as guests.)

Members.

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| *Adams, Lieut. W. | *Lawford, 2nd Lieut. |
| *Andrews, Captain A. N. | Lehmann, C. T. |
| (<i>Hon. Secretary</i>) | *Lehmann, Lieut. H. D. |
| Barnes, A. | Lewin, H. |
| *Beauman, Flight Comdr. R. | *Mason, Major A. E. W. |
| Bezencenet, M. | (<i>President</i>) |
| *Bird, Major, D.S.O. | *Mathews, Rev. H. J., C.R.N. |
| *Bradley, Major | *Mills, Lieut. H. R. |
| Bruce, J. A. B. | *Manser, Major |
| *Bull, Major J. C., M.C. | *Montgomery, Lieut. J. |
| Carr-Saunders, Lieut. A. M. | *Mordey, W. |
| *Christison, Lieut. | Morrish, Harold |
| Coddington, E. | *Odell, Lieut. Noel (<i>Hon. Sec.</i>) |
| Cushen, C. | Pearce, Rev. J. |
| Cutforth, A. E. | Potter-Kirby, Sergeant J. W. |
| Dent, Dr. H. L. R. | Pulling, H. G., V.P. |
| Dimier, G. | Rawson, H. S. |
| *Earle, L. M. | Richards, R. C. |
| *Ellwood, Captain V. | *Richardson, Lieut. |
| *Franklin, W. | *Roberts, Captain W. M. |
| Frazer, R. | *Robson, Lieut. J. O. |
| Gait, J. C. | Roger-Smith, Dr. |
| *Gardiner, Lieut. H. | *Rows, Major |
| Goldsmith, J. M., Dr. Sc. | Ruthen, Sir Charles |
| Graham, Reginald | Runge, A. J. R. |
| *Grant, Major D. F., M.C. | *Sharpe, Captain W. S. |
| Harris, E. B. | Taylor, E. R. |
| Haskett-Smith, W. P. (<i>Hon.</i> | Tucker, G. D. R. |
| <i>Member</i>) | Tucker, H. Scott |
| *Hazard, Captain J. de V. | *Unna, Lieut. P. J., R.N.V.R. |
| Hughes, Reginald, D.C.L. | *Williams, Lieut. H. R., R.F.A. |
| *Julius, Captain A. D. | Williamson, Dr. O. K. |
| Lamb, C. | Woodall, H. |

*Members serving in the War.

Guests.

The Lord Sumner	*Captain E. W. de W. Bruce.
*The Lord Grimthorpe	O.B.E.
Sir Martin Conway, M.P.	The "Times"
Sir E. Penton	The Press Association
Hon. Ashworth, C.S.I.	and about 14 other guests
A. Andrews. J. P.	whose names were not sent in.

* Members serving in the War.

The Annual Dinner of the above was held at the Adelaide Gallery, 436, Strand, on Wednesday, 26th November, 1919. About 90 were present. Among others, Major A. E. W. Mason (the President), in the Chair, Lord Sumner, The Lord Grimthorpe, Sir Martin Conway, M.P., Sir Charles Ruthen, Dr. H. L. R. Dent, The Hon. W. Ashton, I.C.S., Sir E. Penton, Reginald Hughes, D.C.L., Reginald Graham, Major Bird, D.S.O., H. G. Pulling, C. T. Lehmann, Major D. F. Grant, M.C., Lieut. Noel Odell, R.E. (Hon. Sec.), Major W. M. Roberts, Major J. C. Bull, M.C., W. Haskett Smith, Major Manser, Major P. H. Sharpe, R.E., Dr. Roger Smith, Dr. O. K. Williamson, Captain A. N. Andrews (Hon. Sec.) and Mr. J. A. B. Bruce (Hon. Treas.)

The President, A. E. W. Mason, proposed The King. He then read the following letter from Mr. Frederic Harrison—

10. Royal Crescent,
Bath.
24th Nov., 1919.

Dear Mr. Bruce,

All success to our Swiss Alpine Club and the noblest of all Sports! The Roll of our Members who have served in the War, and of those who have met a glorious death, shows how our brotherhood answers the nation's call. I wish I could be with you. If I am one of the least of mountaineers, I am one of the very oldest. My climbing began 72 years ago, and it only ended in July, 1914.

Yours ever,
FREDERIC HARRISON,

Professor Roget, Professor of English Literature, Geneva University, also wrote—

"I am sorry distance and University work will not allow me to attend the dinner on 26th November, except in spirit, for I look upon the 'Association with the long name' as being my particular Alpine family" . . . He added an English party of 30 and himself would be present at the Grand Hôtel, Adelboden, for Christmas and over the New Year, and that they would welcome any members of the Association who wished to go out.

Monsieur E. d'Arcis, Ex-President of the Geneva Section, also wrote and said—

"He was at the disposal of any members of the Association who wanted information about coming out to Switzerland. Any of them might write or call at his press office at the British Consulate, The Lecrier II, Geneva. He wished his heartiest remembrances given to his friends in the British Association, in fact he considered all the members his friends."

Viscount Bryce, O.M., also wrote—

"And expressed his regret that at the last moment he was prevented from being present, as the Government wished him to be present at a dinner they were giving to the Diplomatic Mission from Uruguay."

Lord Sumner, proposing the toast of "The Service members," said—

"Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen: the toast which I have the honour to propose to you is that of the service members. The position which I have the honour to occupy is that of the first of ten speakers, to say nothing of encores (laughter), and therefore having regard to the regulations which I still believe D.O.R.A. enforces, it behoves me to be short. That is very gratifying to me and to you ("No"). The toast of the service members is one upon which, if I said all that I felt, I could be quite long, because although this is the first occasion on which I have had the honour of being your guest, I know something of the work that members of this club have done during the war. I know, for example, how many Brigadier Generals you have produced (laughter), and standing as we feel we are doing only just upon the verge of this chasm that divides us from the whole of our past, I cannot, probably you cannot, ever feel that one's thoughts go back to the services of those members who have had the honour and the pride of serving the Empire in this war, without hesitating whether to attempt to say all that one feels or whether to take what is probably the wiser course and leave their glory where it stands.

Your club has furnished, considering its numbers, a very high proportion of those who have served in the war, and of those, many we are glad to know have come home and some there are who are not. All have enjoyed the privilege of serving the country in their own special spheres, and those who have not had that good fortune in the field have missed it not for the want of good will but only for the want of opportunity (hear hear).

In an assembly of Englishmen, some of whom are those very service members who have covered themselves and their club with such high credit, it is not our national way to say very much, and I think that perhaps the truest honour may be paid to those members whom I commend to you this evening by simply saying how much we welcome them back to civil life, and how much we rely upon those who have learned so much in the past five years to aid in the no less arduous though less glorious task of rebuilding the fortunes of our country and of the world.

Addressing an Alpine Club, one would naturally like to indulge in reminiscences of the distant past, to tell stories of hazardous climbs more or less true (laughter), to recall to you scenes in the Alps tolerably hackneyed, and mention the names of distinguished climbers in the past whom I knew and whom you didn't know (laughter). I do not intend to embark on this onerous task. You have on the toast list the name of a guest who, as I have reason to understand, knows the Alps from end to end (laughter). Therefore I think it better to leave the Alps to him. Then there are our English crags—very respectable climbing they afford too—and you have also a speaker on the list who knows the English crags from top to bottom (laughter). Where then should I be? I have come to the conclusion I had better be nowhere and make no attempt to refer to mountains in their principal purpose for which no doubt they were created, that of enabling members of the Alpine Clubs to go up them (laughter). Two things however in connection with the war do impress the imagination. One is that a considerable slice of the Alps is Austrian no longer, it is now Italian (cheers). A good handful of Dolomites and no small quantity of Alps about the Brenner have passed into other hands, and they remain the same Alps as before (laughter). The other thing which I think is quite extraordinary is the feats of the Italian Army in carrying on war under the very shadow of the summits of the Alps. It is one of the things which I deeply regret, the opportunity of going to the Italian front and seeing with my own eyes those batteries that made the glaciers resound with their bombardments, and those lines of shelters behind which white clad sentries maintained a vigilant post invisible against the snow. The feats of the Italian troops in the early part of the war, in first of all thrusting their enemy back and secondly in holding the higher summits of the natural Alpine frontier were feats which, I suppose, have had no parallel in all the history of war, and

when you come to revisit and reascend these summits, no doubt it will be an added pleasure to identify scenes of heroic combat innumerable though little known.

Perhaps in connection with service^d during the war one ought to speak of Switzerland which has occupied a position during the war of difficulty which it is hardly possible to appreciate, at any rate without close study, placed as it was geographically in the very centre of combatants, bound to maintain a neutrality which must have been an almost intolerable burden, and justifying that position of neutrality in the eyes of all the world by offering an asylum, not this time to revolutionaries and communists, but to the wounded and the broken, and those who by the beneficent interposition of the Swiss Republic were able while still under the status of prisoners of war to live in decent, healthful and hopeful conditions, and to turn to the prospect of a life that was again worth living. Those who know Switzerland will appreciate how great a service was rendered to humanity by the Swiss Republic in thus welcoming, as all classes in Switzerland did welcome, the broken and the wounded, the repatriated and the hopeless.

Now let me propose to you again the toast of the service members, and ask you to drink that toast, not with demonstrations, but still with that heartfelt gratitude to those who have served the British Empire which all Britons as long as they live must always feel" (cheers).

Major L. W. Bird, D.S.O., O.B.E., responding, said:

"I feel it a great honour tonight to be asked to respond for the service members. I know they feel it a very great honour to be guests here tonight, especially when you come to think that the Armistice was signed more than twelve months ago and things like victory dinners are rather of the past. I know that I am voicing their sentiments by feeling that it is a compliment which they much appreciate. There is one more thing that I am quite certain the service members will join me in appreciating, that is the yearly book published by the Swiss Alpine Club. That book reached us at odd and most unexpected times during the war. I know for myself it was an absolute godsend. It brought back Switzerland in the good old days before the war when one was able to enjoy the beautiful mountains, the most beautiful mountains in all the world, and the charming, hospitable Swiss people. The effects of the valleys of the Alps and the forests and the snow were all brought back, and the Swiss customs. It was a tremendous relief under sometimes rather sordid conditions. I think we can congratulate the Committee of the Club who compile this book, and I hope it will continue to go on. I am not accustomed to public speaking, but I do wish in the name of the service members to thank you for your warm welcome and your very kind hospitality tonight" (cheers).

Major D. F. Grant, M.C., who also responded, said:

"Mr. Chairman, my Lords and Gentlemen: it is only because in the Army one learns discipline, to obey orders, that I find myself on my hind legs now. I received an order from Capt. Andrews who is the adjutant of the Association, and I have got to obey it. It is not because I am worthy enough or distinguished enough to reply to such a toast, the toast of the all in all of the Empire, the Fighting Forces. But perhaps as a broken and humble member of the Army, you will let me thank you for the very kind welcome and the very kind words you have said about the fighting forces. Every day in the newspapers you see somebody hailed as 'the man who won the war.' I am going to tell you the real man who won the war. It was the British private soldier. It wasn't the Generals, far less the politicians (laughter). They never had to go without a meal. They always had a dry soft bed to go to. It was the British private soldier who in spite of mud, stench, agonising and lingering death, who stood, withstood and still stood, that we are here tonight to have an enjoyable dinner and meet one another. So I do appeal to you who have recognised what the fighting forces have done not to let the British soldier drift into thinking that the Britain he fought for wasn't worth while (hear hear). Nobody so far has mentioned the Navy. We must not forget them. The British soldier did not see much of the Navy. It was usually only bringing and taking him on leave, and in rough weather going across on those beautiful leave boats one wondered how anybody could ever be a sailor (laughter). It is the proud boast of the Navy that of the six million soldiers brought on leave and taken back to France, not one of them was lost, and who did it? Not the Admiral, but the ordinary able seaman, and I so do appeal to you not to forget the British private sailor. He does not want charity. He held the British Empire in his hand. He merely wants leading to his rightful place in the paradise of heroes. I thank you all very much for your kind welcome, and I leave the British soldier and the able seaman in your worthy hands" (cheers).

Mr. W. P. Haskett-Smith, proposing the toast of the Swiss Alpine Club, said—

"Mr. President, my Lords and Gentlemen: after hearing Lord Sumner's speech of an eloquence new, possibly, to some of you, but familiar to me ever since the distant days when, an awestruck freshman, I drank it in at the Oxford Union, you will understand my dismay on discovering the task had been laid on me of proposing the very next toast after his. Captain Andrews was probably aware that if he had breathed the faintest hint of such a possibility, wild horses would have failed to drag me to this entertainment.

However, as candour on his part would have deprived me of

an evening which, except the last few minutes and the next few minutes, will have been entirely enjoyable, perhaps on the whole it was a kindly fraud. Luckily the toast is that of the Swiss Alpine Club of which you all know more than I can tell you.

Everyone is aware that they publish an excellent Journal and do splendid work amongst that fine body of men, the guides ; but, if a list of the world's benefactors were being drawn up, their strongest claim to inclusion in it would probably rest on their admirable series of huts. These huts have to be built under conditions of extraordinary difficulty and consequently at a heavy cost. Here in England we have been taught by recent experience that even ordinary houses are not easily or cheaply built and that glib-tongued politicians can promise their erection with far greater ease than they are able to perform it ; and, though no one would ever charge them with reluctance to spend public money, they seldom have much to shew for it (laughter) ; but the S.A.C. can point to a magnificent array of huts, a priceless boon to all who follow the craft of mountaineering. These huts, moreover, not only have to be built ; they have to be repaired, maintained and, what is more, supplied under equally difficult conditions.

These difficulties are not lightened by the fact that some of the people who use the huts do not always treat them with all the respect that they deserve. In one case which came under my notice, a case in which I was immediately concerned, in fact—if you'll all promise faithfully not to let this confession go any further—I myself once treated a mountain hut with considerable disrespect (laughter).

The only extenuating circumstance was that it was not an S.A.C. edifice ; it belonged to the Central Powers (laughter).

We had come over the mountains by a somewhat arduous route to a hut which as we had been given to understand was not only well supplied but "bewirthschaftet." We swooped upon it full of hope and hunger and found it deserted and hermetically sealed. My comrades with heavy hearts proceeded to choose sleeping places on what they hoped would prove to be the lee side of the hut during the night. But I summoned them to the door and reminded them of the old tale of the Mississippi steamboat captain who, having seen the letters "D.V." added to announcements and perhaps not attached to them a very precise meaning, advertised his boat to start on the following Monday (D.V.) and every Thursday "D.V. or otherwise" (laughter). "Over that door (I continued) you see the mystic letters "D.O.A.V." and it is my firm purpose to sleep inside that hut D.O.A.V. or otherwise" (laughter). Many of our predecessors had vainly endeavoured to effect an entry by burrowing under the foundations, but in the apex of the gable, under the far projecting eaves was a small window, closely shuttered. As it happened, one of our party was small, light and active. Him I lowered from the ridge of the roof with one rope while by means of another a conspirator below oscillated him violently. Presently our human pendulum was

able to clutch at the fastening of the shutter ; but the recoil snatched him away before he could effect his purpose. Nothing daunted, he submitted to fresh oscillations and at his second flying visit was able to release the latch of the shutter. Then he had to be reoscillated and at the third swoop swung the shutter right back. At the fourth he alighted on the window sill, like the first swallow of the year, exhausted but hopeful, and in a few minutes by great determination and burglarious skill unfastened the window, climbed in and admitted us by the door.

So we got in ; but so base a deed did not escape the punishment it deserved. It was something to get shelter and a night's rest ; but the but not having been opened for two years, was very damp and the food for which we longed was not there. We had nothing left and found only a few split peas and some very effete coffee. For dinner we had soup washed down with coffee and then went waterlogged to bed. In the morning we could only reverse the menu and drink coffee washed down with peasoup. Strange to say, on the strength of that watery diet we did a very creditable peak on our way to the next hut.

The sole excuse for inflicting that story upon you is that on the subject of the S.A.C. there really is nothing new to say. It has all been said already and much better said, but the subject is too near to our hearts to require elaborate presentation.

We couple the toast with the name of our good friend, M. Dimier, a gentleman whose complete sympathy with both Switzerland and England and perfect command of our language equip him admirably for the task of replying.

The Swiss Alpine Club ! Long may it flourish ! ”

Mons. G. Dimier, responding, said—

“ Mr. Chairman, my lords and friends of the British Association, it affords me great pleasure to have this occasion to speak to you on behalf of my beloved little country. You all know how long I have been a guest amongst you, and you know how I have appreciated the way in which I have always been received in this country. I wish before I answer Mr. Haskett Smith to thank specially Lord Sumner for the kind way in which he has spoken of the Swiss Alpine Club. I also wish to thank Major Bird for having mentioned about our C.A.S. Year Book. It affords me great pleasure to think while some of you fighting men were in the trenches that our little book gave you some pleasure and a little comfort, and I am glad you have been able to come back and tell us of it. I hope you will soon be able to resume going back to Switzerland and enjoy the pleasures to be got on our mountains. I also wish to thank Major Grant for the kind way in which he has spoken of the private soldier and the Navy and its sailors. In Switzerland, we are all soldiers ; now, in England, since you have been soldiers, I see that you appreciate their work. With regard to

the Navy, I would not only praise the Navy and the sailor, but I would add to that, the mercantile sailor, who deserves praise, and in my own little capacity, I wish to thank them for having carried us all through the war at the risk of their lives.

Now I thank Mr. Haskett-Smith for the very kind words he spoke of the Alpine Club. I am glad to see that he is proposed as a member of the club and it will be a great honour to us to accept him, for I assure you nothing gives us greater pleasure in Switzerland than to have the British joining our little Association. We cannot forget that it was the English climbers who were the first to ascend our Swiss peaks. We have here to-night Sir Martin Conway, who himself done so many climbs in all parts of the world and we had our late friend, Mr. Whympers, who, as you know, started this love for the Alps. Until the Englishmen went to Switzerland there were very few mountains climbed. Therefore we owe a debt of gratitude to these gentlemen and are showing it by making our mountains as comfortable as we can, and I am glad you appreciate the huts we have built.

As regards leaving them sometimes not exactly as they ought to be, a good many people go into the huts who do not belong to the Alpine Club. Sometimes they come up with all their little family. We are a democratic set of people and we say the huts are there for anybody and we do not like exactly to debar entrance to them. I agree that if you go into a hut at nine or ten at night and find all the accommodation is taken, it is not very pleasant. I remember once a party from the Geneva section of the S.A.C. climbing the Finsteraar Horn. There were twenty of us in the hut and only room for ten people. When we arrived there were ten already occupying it, and we got in, the thirty of us. Being the oldest they gave me the place against the wall, and, having my hands in my pockets. I never had a chance to get them out again (laughter).

I can assure you nothing gives us greater pleasure than to see you, my friends, on our beloved Alps. You know you are the most welcome of any nation in the world, amongst our mountains, because we know that you love them, that you appreciate them, and all that you have said tonight about them has gone straight to my heart. Before I close I wish to thank you on behalf of my little country for the way you have always received every Swiss in this country. I wish to apologise to you for the trouble we are giving to some of you, when you are going to Switzerland. If you go to the Swiss Legation in London tell them "I am a friend of Mr. Georges Dimier" (laughter). You will find it will open the doors a little wider. I do not mean to say they will let you through at once, but at the same time it will help, and if anything happens, if you ring me up on the 'phone, I will ring up the Legation and tell them, "Now just let that gentleman go to Switzerland" (laughter). I wish to thank Mr. Andrews and especially our great friend, the one who keeps our Association going, our Treasurer, Mr. Bruce. He is the godfather of most of the

members in the section of Geneva, and I wish to thank him here on behalf of the Geneva section for all he has done in favouring our little Institution" (cheers).

Sir Charles Ruthen, O.B.E., proposing "The Alpine Club and Kindred Societies," said—

"I propose to put this toast before you in a record time. We have had a number of very able speakers and I do not think that I should stand between the company assembled here and the gentleman who will follow me and respond to this toast. I shall, therefore, put very simply to you the toast of "The Alpine Club and Kindred Societies." I do not think it requires any words upon my part to commend it to you, and as Sir Martin Conway, whose name I couple with this toast, is one of the most eminent gentlemen in Alpine matters, and, as Lord Sumner has already stated, knows the Alps from end to end, I propose simply to submit this toast to you, coupled with the name of Sir Martin Conway" (cheers).

Sir Martin Conway, M.P., was received with an ovation on rising to respond. He said :—

"Mr. President, my Lords and Gentlemen. It is a great honour that you do me to call upon me to respond for such a number of bodies as the Alpine Club and its associated Societies, because their number is legion. I am glad of the opportunity which is given to me by my friend, Sir Charles Ruthen, to say a word to him personally before I approach the subject of this toast. My impression is that he is Controller of Government Accommodation for the London area, and I feel very sore in finding myself obliged to be polite to him on this occasion (laughter). We meet from time to time on the stairs of the Office of Works. It has been my duty for the past few years to be Director-General of the Imperial War Museum, which, by the way, does not yet exist (laughter). But we have certain property and we have certain offices and amongst others I have a room. I do not know whether Sir Charles Ruthen is responsible for the fact that scarcely a week passes but what I am chivied out from one room to another. No sooner do I obtain what I hope is a haven of repose than a charming lady—I do not know her name but evidently she is one of Sir Charles Ruthen's emissaries—comes and orders me to "move on" (laughter).

Well, gentlemen, it is the Alpine Club I have to respond for, and I do so with temerity. I think it is forty-three years since I was elected a member of that body and I am by no means the senior member of it. We are an aged lot (laughter). So far as I can learn, now-a-days it takes a man the greater part of his life to become qualified. By the time he "gets there" he may have almost finished his climbing. I am not sure that

a high qualification is an unmixed blessing. When I look at the Swiss Alpine Club and see what they can accomplish, thanks to their numerical amplitude, I sometimes wonder whether our Alpine Club has not suffered by the limitation of its membership. I fear I should not get into the Alpine Club now if I was up for election: I might not be qualified. The Alpine Club was originally founded as a sort of freak. The founders did not think they were preparing to do much beyond dining and talking. Yes, and they dined, they have dined at intervals ever since, and dined very well (laughter). I wonder how many Alpine mountain clubs there are in existence at the present time! I do not think that their census has ever been made, but there must be an extraordinary number. All of them came out at the original dinner, at which I do not know who was present.

My friend, Monsieur Dimier, and the speaker before him referred to the Alpine huts, and as they spoke there arose before my memory the old mountain hut which was on the Zinal side of the Triftjoch—the Cabin Mountet. I do not know whether it exists now. Monsieur Dimier spoke about thirty gentlemen who accommodated themselves in a hut he visited. I think there must have been three hundred when I was at Mountet. I cannot remember many of those gentlemen, but one of their number remains in my mind. I shall remember him to my dying day. He was extraordinarily fat. As we were the first comers we were put on the top shelf. I was in the middle and the others were strewn around. The very stout man was put on the lower shelf right under me. Presently the bottom came out of my shelf and I landed square on the fat man and rebounded to the roof (roars of laughter). That is one of my memories of mountain huts. Another was on a different occasion, when in wandering up the Alps I met Monsieur Javelle and his pupils. It was the only occasion on which I met that charming and delightful writer, whose name I am sure will be honoured in Switzerland. Of all who have extolled the mountains I think he has written as well or even better than any (cheers). I remember that one of his agreeable peculiarities was his detestation of Englishmen (laughter). I remember him saying that, glad as he was to see us come, he was still more delighted to see us go away (laughter). But my relations with him were very charming. From the beginning of his mountain career he had it in mind to write a description of climbing that should be really good. I have read his writings and I read them with peculiar pleasure. In his later years no one wrote with more perfect style and comprehension of what was worth writing and omitting than he did (hear, hear).

I think it was Major Bird who spoke somewhat disrespectfully of a peak of the Himalayas, Masherbrum, a very respectable, indeed magnificent, mountain: but all the same I could not help agreeing with the general tendency of his remarks. As a result of my experience of mountain ranges in various parts in the world I take it that there is nothing quite so good all the

way round as the Alps. Other ranges of mountains have their merits, and the Himalayas have a special merit. There is a certain juvenility about the Himalayas which the more aged Alps do not possess. The Himalayas jut aloft with marvellous precipitancy. They buttress themselves with peaks and ridges splintering with aiguilles. They discharge down every slope unending avalanches. They are juvenile in every respect and they are for the most part unclimbable, but they do possess the merits of extreme youthful exaggeration. Now the Alps have come into a respectable middle age, with here and there a peak of some pretensions, but taking them all round they are a thoroughly respectable, moderate, gracefully-rounded, human kind of group of mountains. There is nothing quite like them anywhere else. They are neither too far north where the glaciers are too big and where they move so fast that they take entirely different shapes and forms from those of glaciers in temperate regions. They are not like the mountains of the Polar regions which rise white-clad from the sea-level, and put on the airs and graces of giants, though in fact only four or five thousand feet high. The Alps have reasonably short passes; they have flowery meadows below, and they have a moderate and proper proportion of climbable rock, with ice and glacier at the top. They are a range of mountains where you can have your hotel at the bottom, your hut half-way up and your peak on top. They are such that ordinary reasonable human beings can take their pleasure gladly or sadly upon them according to their race (laughter). They are a type of mountain that people climb for pleasure (hear, hear).

In the toast I have the honour to acknowledge you include kindred societies, and on behalf of everyone of these mountain clubs, if you will allow me to be their sponsor, I have to thank you for your brotherly good wishes which you extend to such clubs as those of North America, the Natal Mountain Club in South Africa, the Japanese Mountain Club, and others. To them all you wish to wave a kindly signal of salutation which you charge me to return, and which I return with enthusiasm. I thank you most heartily for your kindly sentiments and for having allowed me to be associated with this toast" (cheers).

Lord Grimthorpe replied for the guests, and said—

"I feel there are a large number of guests here to-night who could reply far more adequately than myself to this toast. Although I have climbed very little so far I hope that in the years to come I shall be able to climb a great deal, and that in so doing I may profit by the advice and help of members of the Swiss Alpine Club. Although I am only a beginner in the sport of climbing I am not less enthusiastic than any other of the guests who perhaps have had much greater experience, and in returning my thanks to the President and members of the Swiss Alpine Club I assure them that I greatly appreciate the very kind way in which they have drunk our health" (cheers).

Mr. R. Graham—

"It is my privilege to propose to you the toast of "The President." After listening to the magnificent speeches we have heard, I wondered whether it would be possible for me to go on my hands and knees and crawl away to the nearest Tube Station and burrow underground (laughter), but being a member of this Association and also of the Alpine Club, I realised that it is not our way to yield to feelings of this description (hear, hear). When we see a mountain in front of us, or any other obstacle, we do our best to overcome that obstacle, and although I shall probably give you a very poor speech, I am going to try my best to overcome the difficulty (hear, hear).

The last Annual Winter Dinner we held was in 1913. Our President was with us then and tonight we are very pleased to see him with us again. There are some beautiful flowers on the table but they have almost prevented me from seeing one of the greatest flowers in the literary world (cheers). We have seen very little of our President during the interval between 1913 and the present time, but our loss has been the Country's gain. Immediately the War broke out he "downed pens" and offered himself for the service of his Country in another direction.

I am perfectly certain that patriotism was his one and only guide in making this decision, so he bled him to the nearest Recruiting Office, and when he entered there I can almost hear them say, "What Ho! a man of intellect appears," (laughter and hear, hear) so immediately they jotted down his qualifications "rare" and when an opportunity occurred, he was given a Commission in His Majesty's Army, but they were not satisfied with letting him remain where he was and transferred his services to the Navy as an Intelligence Officer.

We all know that Naval secrets are kept very tight except when Lord Fisher gives them light (laughter). Our President is so diffident that we are not likely to get information from him as to what he did during the dark days of the War, but when the records of good work are writ, there will be a place for Mason's name to fit. I gather, however, that he travelled far and travelled wide, probably North, South, East and West, and when in southern parts, no doubt his thoughts would sometimes roam to friends he has introduced us to—"Miranda of the Balcony" and "Clementina too," for they lived in those parts where skies are generally blue (hear, hear).

But this is an Alpine evening and our President is an Alpinist, and no mean exponent of the mountaineering craft. I remember in the year 1907 I met him at Chamounix, he had been having a very strenuous season's climbing, but he was not yet satisfied, and one day he started off to climb in Aiguille land, but alas and alack he soon came back for some object, perhaps twas a bit of the Broken Road, into his eye had popped, but when his eye had been restored, nothing daunted, he set forth once more, and on the morrow of that day, a party on the Grépon top I spied, Mason & Co. they were, and as the room on top is scant, they quickly made retreat and when a suiting spot they

found, I saw that party gathered round, probably a drinking ; not running water I dare swear, but Fizzing Fizz from out their cups they drank a draught, as victors of that needle sharp.

I must not keep you longer, as our President may want to get away, as I understand he has found a quiet place somewhere in the country deep, maybe he's at the Villa Rose, writing another mystery. We are proud to have him with us tonight, and with all heartiness I ask you to drink to his health" (cheers).

Captain Andrews—

"I feel I owe the President an apology for the way in which I have bombarded him with letters, and I would like to re-echo the pleasure which his presence affords us to-night. I would also like to take the opportunity to appeal to all the members to do what they can to extend the Association during the coming year. The Association had been kept alive during the period of the war by the untiring energies of Mr. Bruce. In our absence he kept the organisation together and I think it is up to us, now that we have come back, to support him in the good work he has done, and, if possible, to increase our members" (cheers).

Mr. J. A. B. Bruce (Hon. Treasurer)—

"I should like to support the toast and to endorse what Captain Andrews has said as to increasing the membership of our Association (hear, hear). If every member proposed a new candidate, from the list of his climbing friends, who do not belong to our Association, we should much more than regain the position we held before the War. Unfortunately we have lost many members of our committee who have been killed in the War, and a great many more of our members. To single out a few, Captain Cyril King Church—one of the founders of the Association, and for some years the Hon. Treasurer ; Major Arthur Challis, also an original member, and for many years our Hon. Auditor ; Cyril Hartree, a member of our committee, and one of the most promising of the younger members of the Bar. Then our three youngest members, Flight Commander Adams, M.C., aged 21, T. D. Overton, aged 22, and Kenneth Wilcox, aged only 20, killed at the battle of Ypres, over whom his father, also a member of our Association, a Chaplain of the Forces, read the funeral service after the battle. "Our own Marcellus thou."

We older members have tried as hard as we could during the War to carry on, so that we could hand down the torch to those who come after us. I hope the younger members who have come back from the War will now take up the work of the Association which we have kept going until their return (hear, hear). I should like to add in conclusion if any members wish to go out to Switzerland this winter, I hope they will communicate with me and form a party."

The President expressed his thanks, and the proceedings terminated.

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ON JUNE 25th AND NOV. 26th, 1919.

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M. Bezincinet	5	5	0
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J. F. L. Brunner	2	2	0
Robert Corry	2	2	0
J. M. Currie	2	2	0
Dr. H. L. R. Dent	2	2	0
G. Dimier	2	2	0
A. McAndrew	2	2	0
C. T. Lehmann	2	2	0
W. Raphard	2	2	0
H. Wcolley	2	2	0
E. E. Roberts	2	2	0
H. Runge	2	2	0
Colonel Rodick	2	0	0
Rev. Prebendary Heard	1	10	0
A. J. R. Runge	1	10	0
C. H. Brady	1	1	0
Dr. A. Ellwood	1	1	0
E. L. Ainstie	1	1	0
W. M. Brooke	1	1	0
J. A. B. Bruce	1	1	0
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C. Thompson	1	1	0
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Sir C. Ruthen	1	1	0
Dr. Claud Wilson	1	1	0
Sir R. Leonard Powell	1	1	0
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R. H. Francis	1	1	0
A. E. Western	1	1	0
Rev. R. Brockman	1	1	0
R. W. Brent	1	0	0
R. Graham	1	0	0
C. Lamb	1	0	0
E. de Q. Quincey	1	0	0
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Colouel Clayton	0	15	0
E. R. Taylor	0	15	0
W. Barnard	0	10	6
R. A. Frazer	0	10	6
C. Paget	0	10	6
R. Gordon	0	10	6
T. Thompson	0	10	6
Rev. T. E. M. Hutchinson	0	10	6
P. Williams	0	10	0
L. W. Clarke	0	10	6
P. E. Tanner	0	10	6
J. T. Reed	0	10	6
Dr. Roger-Smith	0	10	6
E. B. Ormoud	0	10	6
J. L. Ycames	0	10	6
James Jackson	0	10	6
Dr. G. V. Bull	0	7	6
Rev. H. C. Newton	0	5	0

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THE
ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH MEMBERS
OF THE
SWISS ALPINE CLUB.

RULES.

1. NAME.

The name of the Association shall be "The Association of British Members of the Swiss Alpine Club."

2. OBJECTS.

- (a) To encourage British Alpinists to support the Swiss Alpine Club in all its work, by becoming members of a section of that body.
- (b) To collect funds and present to the S.A.C. a club hut, and for such other purposes as the Association may from time to time determine.
- (c) To form a body able to present a collective opinion to the S.A.C. on any question of Alpine interest.
- (d) To promote among British members the sociability which is so conspicuous a feature of the Swiss sections, but from which we are necessarily debarred by living at a distance from the head-quarters of our sections. This is done by Monthly Informal Dinners, Lectures, Smoking "At Homes," and showing Alpine Slides on the Lantern at the Club Room, 436, Strand, W.C.

3. CONSTITUTION.

Officers—President

Vice-Presidents To be elected annually,
Two Hon. Secretaries in November or Dec.
Hon. Treasurer
Hon. Auditor

with power to the Committee to increase the number of Officers by two if it is so desired.

Members—1. Ordinary. The qualification for ordinary membership shall be "membership of some section of the S.A.C."

2. Honorary. To be elected at the discretion of the Committee.

4. SUBSCRIPTION.

The Annual Subscription to the Association shall be 5/- per annum, payable at election. The payment of £2 2s. shall be considered as equivalent to the annual payment of 5/-.

Annual Subscriptions shall be due on 1st January of each year and any member whose subscription shall not have been paid on or before 1st April shall cease to be a member of the Association, but may be reinstated on payment of arrears, at the discretion of the Committee. Any member joining after the 1st November shall not be required to pay his subscription for the ensuing year.

5. GENERAL MEETINGS.

There shall be at least two General Meetings in the year, viz., The Annual General Meeting and a dinner in November or December, a more informal meeting in June, and such Winter meetings as the Committee may think fit.

6. POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE.

- (a) The Committee may, by a two-third majority of those present, call upon any member to resign if they consider his conduct to be incompatible with Membership of the Association, but such member shall have the right of appeal to the next general or special meeting, which shall have the power of confirming or annulling, by a two-third majority, the decision of the Committee.
- (b) The Committee, on the requisition of 12 members, may call, at any time, a Special General Meeting, provided that *seven* clear days' notice shall be given to all members of such a Special General Meeting, together with full information as to the place, time, and business to be transacted.

- (c) The Committee shall have the power to submit any new proposal affecting the Association to a General or Special General Meeting of the members of the Association.

7. COMMITTEE.

The Committee shall consist of ex-officio members and ordinary members.

- (a) The ex-officio members shall be the officers of the Association for the time being.
- (b) The ordinary members of the Committee shall be 12 in number; and shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Association; one-third of these shall retire annually and shall be eligible for re-election after * one year has elapsed. The Committee may co-opt not more than three additional members, one of whom must retire yearly; the mode of election and the manner of retirement to rest with the Committee. Five members shall constitute a quorum.

* Year ends 31st December.

The Committee may suggest names for Officers and Committee, but this is not to be taken as precluding any two members from nominating candidates, whose consent, however, must be previously obtained.

At least three weeks' notice of the Annual Meeting shall be given to every member; and nominations for Officers and Committee must be sent in to the secretaries at least ten days before the Annual Meeting. In the event of more candidates being nominated than there are vacancies the election shall be by ballot.

8. ACCOUNTS.

The accounts of the Association shall be audited in January and presented by the Treasurer at the next General Meeting of the Club, and shall be published with the Annual Report.

9. CASUAL VACANCIES.

The Committee shall have power to fill up casual vacancies amongst the Officers or Committee; and those chosen shall serve for the unexpired period of office to which the member whom they succeed was entitled.

10. ROOM FOR MEETINGS and LIBRARY.

The Committee shall have power to hire premises for the purposes of the Association, and have done so at Gatti's, 436, Strand, W.C. (2nd floor).

11. AN ANNUAL REVIEW.

The Committee shall have power to publish an Annual Review and appoint an Editor when they think the funds of the Club will permit.

12. ALTERATION OF RULES.

A General Meeting shall have power, by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting to alter or add to the existing rules of the Club.

13. REGULATIONS.

The Committee shall have power to make such regulations, not being inconsistent with these rules, as they think to be for the well-being of the Club.

14. THE CHAIRMAN.

The Chairman whether at a General Meeting or at a Meeting of the Committee shall in case of an equality of votes have a second or casting vote.

15. MONTHLY INFORMAL DINNERS.

These are held at our Club Room, 436, Strand, on 4th Wednesday in each month. Price 5/6.

HOW TO BELONG TO SWISS ALPINE CLUB.

Those who do not yet belong to the Swiss Alpine Club and desire to do so, can be put up at once, even if they do not wish to belong to our Association. They should write to the Treasurer, J. A. B. BRUCE, Selborne Lodge, Guildford, and state whether they wish to join a French, German, or Italian speaking section. * The subscription varies slightly in the various sections, *e.g.*, in Geneva 18 francs a year and 10 francs entrance fee. The Association can arrange to pay the subscription to the S.A.C. yearly, or will supply Banker's Forms for that purpose. If the first year's subscription and entrance fee is sent the candidate can be elected at once. If he wishes to obtain the full advantage of membership he should also enclose a small photograph of himself, this will be endorsed by our Treasurer and returned on his card of membership. If, in addition, he wishes to belong to our Association in England, the subscription is only 5/- a year or £2 2s. for life.

The Central Committee of the Swiss Alpine Club have cordially approved of the formation of our Society, and most of the British members have joined our Association.

* The subscription in English money varies slightly also with the rate of exchange.

ADVANTAGES OF BELONGING TO THE SWISS ALPINE CLUB.

Members of the Club obtain reductions on certain Swiss Railway (*e.g.*, half-price on Zermatt Railway) half-price at certain Huts; a RIGHT of entry at the Club Huts, instead of being there on SUFFERANCE; a fortnightly paper and monthly magazine in a French section free; the Jahrbuch, a well-illustrated Annual, half-price (6 francs), and other advantages. In a German speaking section the Jahrbuch is compulsory and included in minimum subscription, but the Echo des Alpes is extra.

A good feeling is created amongst the Swiss when they see British climbers, who use their Huts, contributing to their support by becoming members of the S.A.C.

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Informal Dinners (5/6) are held by the British Members at their Club Room, 436. Strand, W.C., on the 4th Wednesday in each month, except August and December, at which members who are interested in climbing meet and become acquainted with one another. Lantern slides are generally shown after the dinner.

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