

1922—1947.

The year 1947 is an important milestone in the history of the M.A.M. since it marks our Silver Jubilee, and it is very gratifying that we still have with us thirteen of the forty-three original members of the Association, many of whom are still giving active service.

It is particularly delightful to find that the man to whom the Association really owes its being remains one of the most active, and indeed took advantage of his second period of office as President to inspire the movement which resulted in Glan Dena.

According to the first Minute Book,

On 10th March 1922, Mr. Wallace May addressed a letter to the local members of the Rucksack Club, suggesting a meeting to discuss the possibilities of arrangements being made for occasional meetings of local mountaineers.

As a result of this letter, the modest terms of which do so little to forecast our present flourishing Association, a meeting of nine members of the Rucksack Club was held on 24th March 1922, at the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, with Mr. E. W. Steeple in the Chair. No time was lost, for the Association was founded on the spot, and the First General Meeting was called for 28th April 1922, when the following Officers were appointed:

*President*, A. E. Barker, B.A., B.Sc. (A.C.); *Hon. Treas.*, E. W. Steeple; *Hon. Sec.*, Wallace May; *Committee*, Guy Barlow, D.Sc., G. E. Goode, R. E. W. Pritchard, F. Rathbone and F. E. Wallbank.

Before the Autumn the Association was in full swing, with a handbook issued containing the names of ten additional members, making with the forty-three "grand-originals" a total membership of fifty-three. The handbook also contained the programme for the Winter season, consisting of monthly meetings, at all of which lantern slides were to be shown, on the second Friday in each month from October to May inclusive. In this short programme almost the whole range of ordinary climbing activities was represented including the Swiss Alps, Mont Blanc and Chamonix, the Cuillins of Skye, North Wales, Norway, the Dolomites, and last, but with an evening all to itself, Tryfan.

From this first programme it is clear that from the beginning our Association closely combined the two great divisions of our sport, and this valuable principle we maintain to-day: we hope the amenities of Glan Dena will increase our reputation as a Club of Rock-climbers, but we also hope the re-opening of holidays abroad, and especially our own proposed Meet in the French Alps, will enable an increasing number of our members to feel the joys of the High Mountains.

J. E. GROSVENOR, President, 1945-6.