

## OBITUARY

GEORGE A. LISTER, 1879-1952

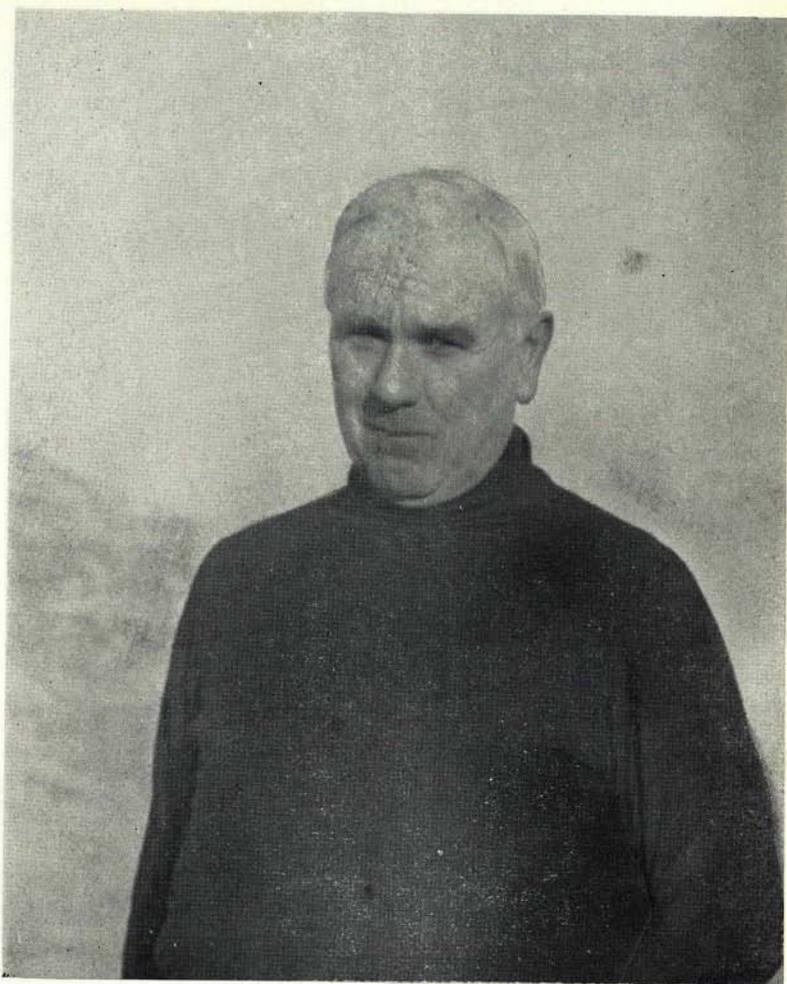
George A. Lister was one of the original members of the Club and its President from 1931 to 1933. He was a member of the Alpine Club from 1925 until his death on the 19th day of December, 1952.

He was a mountaineer in the full sense of the word, since he had considerable alpine experience, an intimate knowledge of the mountains of Wales and their rock-climbing routes, and more than an acquaintanceship with Scottish mountains and climbs. He led the first M.A.M. Alpine Meet, in 1934, a very successful one at Saas Fee, and he had also taken skiing holidays abroad. In one, indeed, he had a miraculous escape from death after being overtaken and buried, except for the tips of his fingers, by a snow avalanche. Fortunately, his friends (Members of the Club) had escaped and, still more remarkable when one thinks of the vast size and uneven surface of an alpine avalanche, they succeeded in finding him and with great difficulty rescued him.

He gave several lectures at Winter Meetings of the M.A.M., which he illustrated by slides from his admirable photographs.

His heart was really in the mountains and valleys of Wales. He chose a Miss Williams, of a Welsh family very well known to early climbers, as his bride; and his great interest in and knowledge of the mountain district led in 1925 to a successful collaboration with his climbing friend Herbert Carr in the editing of "The Mountains of Snowdonia," a most useful compilation of the many and varied aspects of the subject. When, eventually, he built a new home for his retirement near Beddgelert, a new Edition published in 1947 provided him with a task very much to his taste and altogether appropriate to his equipment since care for accuracy, method, and a capacity for taking pains were characteristic of him.

Lister was a man of balanced judgment who stuck firmly to an opinion when formed but was able, in seeking to maintain his view in discussion, to do so without the slightest trace of ill-will arising; such was his kindly disposition and his ever-present sense of humour. Of the latter he possessed an enlivening and twinkling brand which gave much pleasure to his friends. He was also quick in his appreciation of the humour of others.



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The small annual gathering of past Presidents and original members of the Club, which he probably sponsored and certainly helped to organise, will miss sadly his quiet, pleasant companionship. This will be so also with all Members of the Club who knew him.

F. G. BRETTELL.