

## EDITORIAL

This year sees the first tentative steps taken towards a project new to the M.A.M., that of providing a second hut. There are a good many pitfalls, although it does seem that the project has the blessing of members generally; replies to the questionnaire received since the A.G.M. have been all in favour.

Geoffrey Mottram is the chairman of the sub-committee appointed to investigate the possibilities and probabilities. An enormous amount of work is devolving on him as Indoor Meets Secretary as well as this, and he would be grateful if members with suggestions of specialised information about suitable districts would write to him on the subject.

Judging by the total amount of gifts and loans offered, the Association is hardly likely to be in a position to do more than purchase an existing building cheaply and equip it modestly. This imposes a further limitation on a choice that is already not very wide. It must be among mountains and crags situated at a "weekendable" distance—and that means Wales. It must be at a significant distance from Glan Dena and there must be reasonable climbing within easy reach; the Rhinogs fulfil these conditions, but the approach roads are on the west side of the range which considerably increases the distance. The choice therefore seems to lie between three or four more obvious places in Southern Merioneth that lie in the vicinity of Dolgelley; however, other areas are not ruled out and the work of exploration goes assiduously on. If this project is to succeed, and we certainly hope it will, Mr. Mottram and his committee are going to need all the goodwill and help, including financial, that they can get, and we very much hope that such help will be forthcoming.

This issue contains an article contributed by a distinguished member of Another Club. The story of the ascent of Nuptse, and the part played by Dennis Davis, is already well known, so on this occasion Mr. Davis has contributed some personal reflections on the climb. We are grateful to him for this—no previous account of Nuptse has appeared in the Journal.

In a rather different vein, another contributor makes some reflections on the changing nature of mountaineering, seeking to question one or two current ideas and endeavouring shyly to reform them. Of course, it goes without saying that the views of contributors are not necessarily those of the Editor, that the views of the Editor are not necessarily those of the Committee, that the views of the Committee are not necessarily those of the Association, and so *ad infinitum*, but long after the dust has settled upon the doctrine of diminished responsibility, we may perhaps be found agreeing with, and even quietly applauding, our contributor.