

'FAILED A.C.'

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IN the *Alpine Journal* for November, 1960, an attempt was made to rescue from oblivion an early mountaineer (in the 1860's), John Thom of Liverpool, and it was then seen that this more than usually enterprising climber had failed on three occasions to be elected to the Alpine Club. It has seemed worth while to try and compile a list of other candidates who, for one reason or another, did not obtain membership of the Club. The list is printed below, based on entries in the old Candidates' Books, supplemented by the register of applications kept by Sir Edward Davidson in two massive volumes, and with the aid of the Minute Books of the Committee and General Meetings of the Alpine Club. The great scrap-books, containing the Club's printed notices, etc. since the beginning, have also been of use, and in some cases the original application forms still exist, but this is not invariable.

For obvious reasons, the list is not brought down to recent times, but ends with the close of the First World War. The list is certainly not complete; an application might come before the Committee, and yet no papers now exist, and only an entry in the Minute Book records the matter (two examples are given under 1898). Again, a candidate's application might be held up by his proposer, and never reach the Committee if it was decided that the case should not be pursued; others papers might find a home in the personal files of the President or Honorary Secretary of the Club for the time being. In some instances, dates are missing, for the keeping of records varied considerably with different Honorary Secretaries (it is pleasant to record that Sir Edward Davidson, an Honorary Secretary and President who incurred a good deal of criticism in his day, and after, was a model keeper of Club records). Minutes might contain all the names of the candidates considered, or might merely state that 'so-many candidates' applications were passed'. Again, in the Minutes of General Meetings, the names of the candidates balloted for might or might not be recorded; even when the practice existed of pasting into such Minutes the printed circular showing who the candidates were, one may be at fault, for in at least one case, that of Aleister Crowley (1895), the name printed in the circular has been neatly cut out and, without consulting the Committee Minutes or the scrap book of circulars, one would never know he had come before the Committee at all.

It should be noted that no names have been included of candidates who were subsequently elected; at all times, down to the present day, there have been cases where an application has been postponed, to give time, perhaps, for the candidate to amass a more satisfactory qualification.

In the main, I have aimed to keep the observations in the 'Remarks' column to a minimum, and indeed not to add anything not contained in the original document unless special reasons necessitate. One or two comments, however, are suggested by a study of the list as a whole, and I would welcome any further information that readers may be able to supply about any of the candidates shown—there are, for example, several solicitors on whom no information has been obtained—or others who have been missed out.

In *A.ŷ.* 17. 334 it is said that T. S. Kennedy resigned from the Club (in 1878) because of the black-balling of a certain candidate or candidates proposed by him. As will be seen, the only candidate, so far as these lists show, proposed by Kennedy was J. A. G. Marshall, in 1872. Marshall became a notable mountaineer in succeeding years, but in 1872 his climbing qualification was of a minor nature, and it could not have been justly felt by his proposer that the rejection was unwarranted. It would seem, therefore, that Kennedy may have put forward other names in the later 1870's, and that the papers have escaped the Club files. There is nothing in the Minute Books to show that Kennedy had made any protest to the Committee; in their Minutes of February 10, 1878, it is merely said that Kennedy had, with others, resigned from the Club. That rejection of a candidate might lead to his proposer or seconder resigning from the Club may have happened at times; thus, in 1904 O. A. Cayley, who had a very fair qualifying list of climbs, was rejected, and one notes that William Cayley, his proposer, resigned in 1905, though the reason is not given.

Again, in *A.ŷ.* 30. 65, sqq., Farrar examined the career of G. A. Passingham, and mentions that 'technical difficulties' prevented his joining the A.C., and by the time these were removed, he no longer wished to do so. This would seem to be a case of a possible candidate whose name never even reached the Committee. Passingham ran a gymnastic school, and is possibly identical with the man of that name who was gymnastic instructor at the King's School, Ely, in 1889.¹

The non-election of some other names in the list may surprise one, though we are not always provided with the reasons. Lord Wentworth (1878), who made the first ascent of the Aiguille Noire de Peuterey, presumably decided against joining, and asked his proposer to withdraw the application, for he would, one might have thought, have been very eligible. Still more notable as a mountaineer was W. M. Baker, also

¹ Cruttwell and Garrett, *Register of the King's School, Ely*, p. 181.

rejected in 1878; the *A.ŷ.* at least did justice to him, by publishing an obituary notice in 1935.

In 1882, W. W. Graham, who made the first ascent of the Aiguille du Géant that year, and whose list of climbs was a distinguished one, and who was to gain further fame in the Himalaya, was rejected by a heavy majority—one must assume that personal dislikes operated in this instance. One would be glad to know more; indeed, Graham is a figure about whom surprisingly little seems to be known. All I have managed to trace is that he was the third son of William Frederic Graham, of Elm Grove, Wallington. He was born *ca.* 1859, matriculated at New College, Oxford, October 13, 1877 (B.A. 1880), admitted to the Middle Temple August 13, 1878, and called to the bar on January 26, 1883.² Despite his rejection by the A.C., he contributed several papers to the *A.ŷ.*; and he also lectured to the Royal Geographical Society.³ There was a rumour that Graham, round about the turn of the century, was in the far west of North America (whether Canada or the U.S. I do not know). Somewhere, too, I think I have heard a tale that his mind became unhinged, but I do not regard this as in any way to be relied upon.⁴

In 1883 J. R. Ellerman, who had done some good climbing in the Valaisian Alps, was turned down, though less decisively than Graham had been. Little seems to be known of Ellerman; despite his initials, he does not appear to have been related to the famous shipowner of that name.

In 1906 came the rejection of V. J. E. Ryan, with an unsurpassed list of ascents; here again, personal factors are known to have operated against him.

A considerable proportion of candidates had their names withdrawn and, without knowing the reasons involved, it is impossible to comment upon them. Others, particularly in the first decade of the Club's existence, obviously failed to put up a proper climbing qualification. There is nothing to guide one as to the operation of cliques within the Club, who black-balled irresponsibly, but it is part of the Club's tradition that Sir Edward Davidson in particular aimed to make the Alpine Club a small, social club, a factor that at times roused great ire in Coolidge. That the ballot system of election could become abused is, however, known; and, as Sir Arnold Lunn has remarked,⁵ when

² Foster, *Alumni Oxonienses; Middle Temple Admission Register*.

³ See consolidated index, *A.ŷ.*, vols. 1-15, p. 7; *Procs. of R.G.S.*, vi, pp. 429, sqq. (paper read June 9, 1884).

⁴ J. Norman Collie to Coolidge, December 18, 1905 (Coolidge papers, Zentralbibliothek, Zürich) writes: . . . 'The last I heard of Graham was that he had lost all his money and was a cowboy in the Western States of America—that was twelve years ago.'

⁵ *A Century of Mountaineering, 1857-1957*, p. 101.

Presidents of the Alpine Club were reduced to falsifying the results of a ballot, it was time to change the system.

In the list now printed, the abbreviations '*Qual:*' and '*End:*' in the remarks column, stand for 'Qualifications' and 'Endorsed'. Details of references are not given, in order to save space. Authorities for Oxford and Cambridge Universities are, usually, J. Foster's *Alumni Oxonienses* and J. A. Venn's *Alumni Cantabrigienses*. The Admission Registers of the various Inns of Court; Burke's *Peerage* and *Landed Gentry*; and *Who Was Who* are other obvious sources.

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(A list of applicants to the Alpine Club who were not elected, during the period 1858-1918)

<i>Year</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Proposer (P)</i> <i>Secunder (S)</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
1859	Elphinstone, Howard Warburton. 45, Cadogan Place, London. 3rd Bart. of Sowerby. (1830-1917). Lawyer.	F. V. Hawkins (P) T. W. Hinchliff (S).	<i>Qual:</i> not given. <i>End:</i> postponed by request of Proposer.
	Russell, Cecil Henry. Of Trin. Coll., Camb., and Lincoln's Inn. (1833-1910.) Lawyer.	A. Wills (P). R. Walters (S).	<i>Qual:</i> Mt. Blanc. <i>End:</i> withdrawn by candidate's request.
	Green, Rev. William Edward (b. 1828). Of St. John's, Camb., and Worcs., Oxford. Curate of Lee, Kent, 1854-59; Vicar of Holy Trinity, Lambeth, 1859-72; Rector of Avington, Hants, 1872-96. Disappears from Crockford 1897.	T. W. Hinchliff (P). <i>Nil.</i>	<i>Qual:</i> Adler Pass, St. Théodule, Tschingel Pass, etc. <i>End:</i> withdrawn by request of the candidate.
	Hay, J. Old Square, Lincoln's Inn. (No information.)	R. W. E. Forster (P). <i>Nil.</i>	<i>Qual:</i> Kistengrat, Scheinstock. <i>End:</i> withdrawn by proposer.
1860	Vizard, Rev. Henry Brougham. Of Spettisbury Rectory, Blandford, Dorset. (b. ca. 1825, d. 1874.) At Trin. Coll., Camb.	J. F. Hardy (P). E. S. Kennedy (S).	<i>Qual:</i> St. Théodule. <i>End:</i> withdrawn.

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1863	Hopper, William C. West Hill, Wandsworth. (No information.)	F. W. Jacomb. (P). G. Chater (S).	<i>Qual</i> : Finsteraarhorn, Weisstor, Col du Géant, Strahlegg, Mönchjoch, Viescherhorn, Aletschhorn.
(This applicant's page is simply scratched out, no reason being given. Similarly, in the Minute Book, this name among the list of candidates, is scored through.)			
1864	Warner, Henry Lee. Rugby. (1842-1925.) Of St. John's Coll., Camb. One of the eleven picked associates of Edward VII whilst an undergraduate. Was with Tyndall in the famous accident on Piz Morteratsch, described in <i>Hours of Exercise</i> .	C. B. Hutchinson (P). J. Robertson (S).	<i>Qual</i> : Finsteraarhorn, Piz Morteratsch, Oberaarjoch, Sardona Pass. <i>End</i> : 'Passed', but struck out and never elected.
	Beck, Joseph. 37, Cornhill. (No information.)	F. F. Tuckett (P). A. A. Reilly (S).	<i>Qual</i> : Mt. Blanc, Col du Géant, Col de Trélatête. <i>End</i> : 'Passed', 'withdrawn'.
	Butler, Lennox. Coton House, Rugby. (No information.)	T. W. Hinchliff (P). W. Dundas (S).	<i>Qual</i> : Mt. Blanc, Col du Géant, Mte. Rosa, Glärnisch, Piz Morteratsch, Weisstor, Cima di Jazzi, Breithorn, Pet. Mt. Cervin, Strahlegg, Wetterhorn. <i>End</i> : 'Passed', struck through.
1865	Dunville, Robert. Richmond Lodge, Belfast. (No information, but see <i>Who Was Who</i> , 1897-1916, for a Robert Grimshaw Dunville, 1838-1910, who may be the same individual.)	F. C. Grove (P). F. Galton (S).	<i>Qual</i> : Aletschhorn, 2nd asc. [see <i>A. J.</i> 32. 234]. <i>End</i> : postponed.
	Moore, Henry William. (1842-1928). Of 49, Lansdowne Place, Brighton. Educ. Brighton Coll.; Trinity, Camb.; Inner Temple.	J. F. Hardy (P). Russell Stephenson (S).	<i>Qual</i> : Mte. Rosa, Col du Géant, Adler Pass, Col de Valpelline. <i>End</i> : postponed.

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1866	Ellis, Robert. No address. (No information.)	R. W. Tweedie (P). A. Daunev (S).	<i>Qual</i> : Eggishorn ?, St. Théodule, Gries Pass, Dolomites, Pfandscharte Pass (Tyrol); travels through Tyrol. <i>End</i> : postponed, Jan. 16 (1866).
	Jackson, W. Ward. 59, Marine Parade, Brighton. (No information.)	E. R. Whitwell (P). F. F. Tuckett (S).	<i>Qual</i> : travels and chamois hunting in Alps, 1844-50. (Passed Committee Feb. 6, 1866; rejected at Gen. Meeting on March 6, 1866.)
	Dashwood, Sir Edwin Hare, Bart. Of Pau, Basses Pyrénées. (1825-82; 7th Bart. of West Wycombe).	W. Crossman (P). T. Brooksbank (S).	<i>Qual</i> : Piz Bernina; travels in Himalaya and in N.Z. Mts. Passed: April 10, 1866. <i>End</i> : withdrawn by proposer—a pencilled query mark is against this statement.
1867	Adams, Francis Bryant, Junr. Wholesale Stationer. 21, St. John's Park Rd., Haverstock Hill.	T. Blanford (P). G. Chater (S).	<i>Qual</i> : Velan, Titlis, Strahlegg, etc. Passed Jan. 14, 1867. <i>End</i> : rejected.
	Hampton, Vivian. Admiralty, Somerset House. Of 18, Eaton Square.	F. C. Grove (P). W. E. Hall (S).	<i>Qual</i> : five seasons in Switzerland. <i>End</i> : withdrawn at candidate's request.
1868	Thom, John. Athenaeum, Liverpool.	F. Walker (P). F. W. Jacomb (S).	(See <i>A. J.</i> 65. 199 for a study of this case.)
	Trower, Henry Seymour. Of 38, Throgmorton St., London.	W. Longman (P). H. J. Norman (S).	<i>Qual</i> : Zugspitze, Weisstor, Mte. Rosa, Triftjoch, etc. Passed March 16, 1868. <i>End</i> : not elected March 31.
	Hoskins, James Thornton. Oriel Coll., Oxford. (b. ca. 1845.) Educ. Rugby. Student at Middle Temple.	T. W. Jex-Blake (P). C. B. Hutchinson (S).	<i>Qual</i> : Strahlegg, Weisstor, Adler Pass, Mte. Rosa, Mt. Blanc. Passed Nov. 5, 1868. <i>End</i> : not elected Dec. 9, 1868. <i>R.S.M.</i> [<i>R. S. Macdonald.</i>]

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1872	Leatham, E. E. Hemsworth Hall, Pontefract. (Pre- sumably, the same as Edmund Ernest Leatham (1847-90), later of Wentbridge House, Pontefract, Hemsworth Hall being the family seat— Burke's <i>Landed Gentry</i> .)	E. N. Buxton (P). Sir T. F. Buxton (S).	<i>Qual</i> : Mte. Rosa, Mönchjoch, Weisstor, Breithorn. Passed, Nov. 8, (possibly 20) 1872. Rejected, Dec. 16.
1873	Marshall, James Aubrey Garth. Headingly House, Leeds. Flax-spinner. (Killed on Brouillard Glacier, 1874; see <i>A. J.</i> 7. 110; 53. 144.)	T. S. Kennedy (P). F. F. Tuckett (S).	<i>Qual</i> : Aig. de Leschaux and excursions on southern glaciers, Mt. Blanc range. Passed, date uncertain— probably Nov., 1872. Rejected, March 4, 1873.
1874	Kennion, Rev. G. Wyndham. Vicar of Hull (b. ca. 1845). At Oriental Coll., Oxford; later Bishop of Adelaide, Australia.	W. H. Hawker (P). <i>Nil</i> .	<i>Qual</i> : not given. Not proceeded with.
	Wigram, Rev. Ernest. Rector of Whitby (b. ca. 1841, d. 1876). At Magdalen Coll., Oxford.	W. H. Hawker (P). <i>Nil</i> .	<i>Qual</i> : as foregoing.
1876	Porter, Rev. A. S. Redditch, nr. Birming- ham. (Presumably, is Alfred Stephenson Porter (1841-1914), of Sidney Sussex Coll., Camb., later Hon. Canon of Worcester, and a distinguished antiquary.)	J. Birkbeck, Junr. (P). J. Birkbeck (S).	<i>Qual</i> : none given, but Minute Book, Jan. 12, 1876, shows them as scientific only, not mountaineering. Not passed, Jan. 12, 1876.

The Minute Books show under date of March 21, 1876, one candidate as turned down as insufficient. The individual has not been identified.

1876	Courtenay, M. St. James's Club, London. (No information.)	F. Gardiner (P). W. A. B. Coolidge (S).	<i>Qual</i> : Petersgrat, Breithorn, Matterhorn, Weissmies, Mischabel- joch, Rimpfischhorn, Mte. Rosa, Schwarztor, new pass† at foot of Rimpfischhorn. Passed, date uncertain. Withdrawn by pro- poser, Nov. 20, 1876.
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† This pass was the Längfluhjoch.

Year	Name	Proposer (P) Second (S)	Remarks
1877	Mowatt, John Lancaster Gough. Pembroke Coll., Oxford. (b. ca. 1846.) Lecturer, bursar and librarian at Pembroke. Name is spelt 'Mowat' by Foster.	W. A. B. Coolidge (P). F. Church (S).	<i>Qual</i> : Breithorn, Mte. Rosa. Not passed, probably at Committee on Feb. 20, 1877.
1878	Parnell, H. T. 43, Fitzwilliam Square, Dublin. Barrister. (May be identical with the 'Purnell' who was one of Alex. Burgener's early clients— <i>A. J.</i> 58. 181.)	G. O. Spencer (P). C. M. Handfield-Jones (S).	<i>Qual</i> : Piz Bernina, Palü, Jungfrau, Mte. Rosa, Breithorn, Weisstor, Alphubel. Passed, May 5, 1878. Rejected, June 4, 1878.
	Wentworth, Lord (see <i>A. J.</i> 33. 393).	T. Middlemore (P). <i>Nil</i> .	<i>Qual</i> : not stated. Withdrawn by proposer.
	Downs, Robert. Upper Denmark Hill, S. E. Merchant.	G. W. Stevens (P). F. F. Tuckett (S).	<i>Qual</i> : Rimpfischhorn, Mte. Rosa, Schreckhorn, Mt. Blanc, Dent d'Hérens, Tiefenmattenjoch, etc. Also Maladetta in Pyrenees. Passed, date uncertain. Rejected, Dec. 19, 1878.
(The above candidate was proposed again and passed, Oct. 27, 1891, and rejected Dec. 14, 1891, his list of climbs being then still more noteworthy.)			
	Baker, William Meath. Of Trinity College, Camb. (1857-1935.) (See <i>A. J.</i> 47. 352; and 57. 530. Baker's ascent of the Matterhorn is not recorded in Whymper's list.)	T. Jose (P). T. W. Hinchliff (S).	<i>Qual</i> : Rimpfischhorn, Rothorn, Matterhorn, Weisshorn, Mte. Rosa, Mt. Collon, Lysjoch, Mischabeljoch, etc. Passed, uncertain. Rejected, Dec. 19, 1878.
1880	Cardinall, D. E. Pilchards, Halstead, Essex. Solicitor.	J. T. Beard (P). J. Shortt (S).	<i>Qual</i> : Mt. Blanc, Mte. Rosa, Col d'Hérens, Matterhorn, Adler, minor expeditions, 1873-80.
	Brocklehurst, Septimus. Liverpool. Merchant and Shipowner.	H. R. Robertson (P). J. H. E. Gill (S).	<i>Qual</i> : Fuji-yama, Aspalata Pass (Andes, 13,000 ft.). Not passed; qualification insufficient.

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1880	Dunn, Edward Julyan. 1, Elm Court, Temple, E.C. Barrister. (b. ca. 1844.) Admitted Middle Temple, Oct. 31, 1865; called to the Bar, June 6, 1868.	A. Wills (P). C. E. Haigh (S).	<i>Qual:</i> (1873-78; 1880) Aletschhorn, Mte. Rosa, Castor & Pollux, Dachstein, Diablerets, Wildstrubel, etc., numerous passes. Passed, Nov. 15, 1880; Rejected, Dec. 15, 1880 (voting was 5 to 47).
1881	Gare, Francis. Cedar Lodge, Isleworth. Merchant and Shipper.	G. O. Spencer (P). C. E. Mathews (S).	<i>Qual:</i> Mt. Blanc and Aig. du Gôûter; Aig. du Midi, Mte. Rosa, Wetterhorn, etc. and several passes. Passed, April 5, 1881. Rejected, May 3, 1881 (voting was 11 : 11).
	Gare, George—as foregoing.	As foregoing. As foregoing.	<i>Qual:</i> as foregoing. Passed, April 5, 1881. Rejected, May 3, 1881.
	Campbell, Francis J. Royal Normal College for the Blind, Upper Norwood, S.E. (1832- 1914.) Was knighted 1909. (See <i>A. J.</i> 65. 97. for first blind man to go up Mont Blanc)	S. Winkworth (P). C. T. Dent (S).	<i>Qual:</i> Mt. Blanc, Titlis, Finsteraarhorn, Eiger, etc. Expeditions in Tennessee and White and Green Mts. of New England, U.S.A. Adjourned, Oct. 17, 1881. Passed, Nov. 17, 1881. Withdrawn by proposer Nov. 27, 1881.
	Campbell, Guy M. Upper Norwood, S.E.	As foregoing. As foregoing.	<i>Qual:</i> as above, excluding U.S. expedi- tions. Adjourned, passed and withdrawn as foregoing.
	Pattenden, Frederick William Waldebrand (b. ca. 1857). At New Coll., Oxford, and Inner Temple.	James Porter (P). <i>Nil.</i>	<i>Qual:</i> (1881 only) Eiger, Breithorn and some small peaks and passes. <i>End:</i> insufficiently qualified. Not passed, Oct. 17, 1881.
1882	Graham, William Woodman. 4, Elm Court, Middle Temple. Student at Law. (See above, p. 271, for other details.)	H. B. George (P). P. W. Thomas (S).	<i>Qual:</i> Aigs. du Géant, Midi, Tacul, Verte, Grandes Jorasses, Jungfrau, Mönch, Fin- steraarhorn, Wetter- horn, Dom, Mte. Rosa,

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1882			Lyskamm, Matterhorn, D. Blanche, Rothorn, Ober Gabelhorn, Weisshorn, Weissmies, Strahlhorn, Sudlenzspitze, Sesiajoch, and 10 other passes. Passed, Nov. 23, 1882. Rejected, Dec. 18, 1882 (voting 7 : 49.)
1883	Ellerman, John R. 54, Francis Rd., Edgbaston. (Profession: 'None'.)	C. E. Mathews (P). E. T. Coleman (S).	<i>Qual</i> : Wetterhorn, Eiger, Jungfrau, Matterhorn, Weisshorn, Nadelhorn, D. Blanche, Old Weisstor, Alphubeljoch. Passed, Dec. 15, 1882. Rejected, Feb. 6, 1883 (voting 11 : 15).
	Buttemer, Alfred Samuel Moran. 12, St. George's Place, Brighton. (Member of Stock Exchange, London.)	A. D. Puckle (P). W. M. Conway (S).	<i>Qual</i> : Matterhorn, Allalinhorn, Triftjoch, New Weisstor, etc. Adjourned. Not passed, ? March, 1883.
	Wotherspoon, David, Junr. Newlands, Leigham Court Rd., Streatham. (Fur Manufacturer.)	A. D. Puckle (P). R. L. Harrison (S).	<i>Qual</i> : (1875-82 inc.) Wetterhorn, Jungfrau, Eiger, Mte. Rosa, Rothorn, Matterhorn, Finsteraarhorn, Dom, Mt. Blanc, Jungfrau-joch, Adler Pass, Alphubeljoch and other passes. Passed, May 21, 1883. Rejected, June 5, 1883.
1888	Hale, C. Hampton. (Stock Exchange.)	W. Trotter (P). T. G. Bonney (S).	<i>Qual</i> : 1882, Dent du Midi, Muveran, Morcles, Tête à Pierre Grez, etc.; 1884, Alphubel, Mte. Rosa, Balmhorn, etc.; 1886, Old Weisstor, etc., 1887, Rothorn (tr), Trifhorn (tr) etc. Numerous winter excursions, 1882-83.

(Minute Book records that Hale was considered in Committee on May 15, 1888, but his qualifications were adjudged insufficient.)

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1888	Danby, Thomas Wilson. 46, Parlia- ment St., S.W. (Solicitor.)	F. M. Govett (P). H. Stutfield (S).	<i>Qual:</i> (1883-88 inc.) Jungfrau, Matterhorn, Rothorn, Rimpfisch- horn, Ober Gabelhorn, Weisshorn, Dent d'Hérens, Triftjoch, and numerous passes. Passed, Nov. 2, 1888. Withdrawn at propo- ser's and seconder's request, Dec. 14, 1888.
(This candidate was put forward again in Jan. 1890, with additional climbs of D. Blanche, Lyskamm and Wellenkuppe. Ballotted for but not elected Feb. 4, 1890.)			
1892	Marsh, Henry Car- penter. Wellington Street, Leeds. (Woollen Manu- facturer.)	H. W. Majendie (P). T. L. Kesteven (S).	<i>Qual:</i> (1887-92) Mt. Blanc, Mte. Rosa, Gr. Paradis, Grivola, Weisshorn, Matter- horn, Ober Gabelhorn, Rothorn, and several passes. Passed, Oct. 10, 1892. Withdrawn by proposer.
1895	Crowley, Edward Aleister. Trin. Coll., Camb. (See <i>A. J.</i> 58. 423, for some account of his climbing career. His baptismal second name was Alexander: J. Symonds, <i>The Magic of Aleister Crowley</i> , p. 28.)	J. N. Collie (P). W. M. Conway. (S).	The Committee Minute Book shows Crowley's name as having been passed on Dec. 10, 1895, but nothing further is indicated about this application. The name is simply suppressed in the list for the ballot on Feb. 6, 1896.
1898	Childers, H. C.	<i>Nil.</i> <i>Nil.</i>	A MS. list of climbs was sent in, for 1896 and 1898, mostly latter and mostly in Dolo- mites. Was with L. S. Amery on Mte. Cris- tallo, guideless. The list is marked by W. A. Wills, Oct. 1898, to the effect: 'If this man comes up again a few years hence his list will require careful scrutiny as he appears to have been walking up fairly big mountains alone.'

Two other names occur in the Committee Minute Book for 1898, as having come up for consideration—F. R. Simms (June 7) and Rev. O. P. Wardell-Yerburgh (Oct. 20). No application forms exist for them, however. Both were rejected as insufficiently qualified.

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1899	Thorp, P. H.		Passed by Committee Feb. 17, 1899; no further information. Not in A.C. Lists.
	Corlett, William Ernest. (Solicitor.) (<i>Aet.</i> 33.) Of Glenville, Roby, nr. Liverpool. (See notices in <i>A. J.</i> 65. 229; and <i>C.C. J.</i> , 1961, p. 236.)	Horace Walker (<i>P</i>). Roderick Williams (<i>S</i>).	<i>Qual:</i> (1892–98, every year except 1895; had about 20 good climbs and 19 lesser peaks or passes, in Dauphiné, Graians, Valais. Passed, Oct. 24, 1899. Withdrawn from election.
	Heldmann, Harry (J.P.). Stock Exchange, London. (<i>Aet.</i> 41). Of Worton Court, Isleworth, M'sex.	H. V. Reade (<i>P</i>). E. de Q. Quincey (<i>S</i>).	<i>Qual:</i> Was very strongly supported, by Collie, Eccles and others. Had a long list of ascents; Alps, mostly in Valais and Mt. Blanc range; climbed and travelled in Japan and China; Sierra Nevada (Spain), Atlas Mts. and elsewhere. Passed, ? Dec. 12, 1899. Not elected.
1901	Kingscote, Ernest. Physician. (<i>Aet.</i> 44.) Of London.	E. J. Garwood (<i>P</i>). B. Wainwright. (<i>S</i>)	<i>Qual:</i> (1882–99, 8 seasons). List included climbs mostly in Engadine and a few in Oberland. Passed, Oct. 22, 1901. <i>End:</i> withdrawn.
1902	Halford, Ernest Samuel (<i>aet.</i> 29). Insurance and Mortgage broker. London.	E. Harold Spender (<i>P</i>). R. W. Lloyd (<i>S</i>).	<i>Qual:</i> A few climbs in Mt. Blanc area from 1894–96; bulk of climbing 1897, 1898, 1900 and 1901 in Mt. Blanc and Zermatt regions. Also Pavey Ark, Napes Needle, Pillar Rock, Kern Knotts chimney and crack, in 1902. Passed, May 13, 1902. Not elected, June 3, 1902.

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1902	Hartley, Salter St.- George John. (1867- 1903). Clergyman, of Exton Vicarage, Oak- ham. Educ. Harrow and St. John's Coll., Oxford. (Was killed in an accident in Alps, Aug. 27, 1903, and buried at Pontresina.)	H. J. T. Wood (P). F. C. Bainbridge- Bell (S).	<i>Qual</i> : 4 seasons, 1899- 1902 inc. Almost entirely in Dolomites, and includes Croda da Lago (2 routes), Kl. Zinne, Fünffinger- spitze by Schmitt Kamin, Winklerthurm trav., Piz Badile and Disgrazia. Marked, 'insufficient', under date Oct. 21, 1902.
	Blakeney, Edward Henry. (1869-1955). Schoolmaster.	F. O. Wethered (P). W. G. Edwards (S).	<i>Qual</i> : 7 seasons, 1890- 1902. A few major Oberland peaks, but mostly minor expedi- tions. Judged insuffi- cient, Oct. 21, 1902.
1904	Zimmern, Alfred Eck- hard. (1879-1957). New Coll., Oxford. For his eminent subse- quent career, see <i>Who's</i> <i>Who</i> .	H. B. George (P). T. H. Grose (S).	<i>Qual</i> : 1897-1903 (not 1901) in Alps. Includes Mt. Blanc, Matterhorn, Râteau, Ecrins, Meije, Mte. Rosa, Dom; otherwise mainly high walks. Though strongly supported was rejected as insufficient, Jan. 12, 1904.
	Cayley, Osbert Arthur. London. Solicitor. (1869-1947.)	Wm. Cayley (P). Chas. R. Shore (S).	<i>Qual</i> : 12 seasons, 1883- 1904, are listed and include about a dozen climbs of the type Mt. Collon, Pigne d'Arolla, Aigs. Rouges d'Arolla, Fletschhorn, Portjen- grat, and as many more of inferior standing. Strongly supported but judged insufficient, Oct. 18, 1904.
1905	Henley, Arthur Addi- son. Epsom. Clergy- man. (1867-1913; of Durham Univ. and Christ's Coll., Camb. Died in Switzerland.)	Maj. L. S. Blackden (P). G. A. Solly (S).	<i>Qual</i> : 1901, Norway— minor expeditions. 1902-4, mostly minor peaks, largely in Ober- land. Rejected as insufficient, Jan. 17, 1905.

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1906	Ryan, Valentine John Eustace. (1883-1947). Thomastown Park, Birr, Ireland. (For his climbing career, see <i>C.C. J.</i> vol. ix (1949), pp. 20 sqq. Ryan's rejection caused considerable criticism then and after and it is not clear who was responsible. Ryan was stand-offish and is said to have been rude to a party of senior members in a hut. Sir Edward Davidson seems not to have been opposed to him, for in the summer of 1906 he was meeting Ryan at Riffelalp amicably enough, and in writing later to G. W. Young Davidson refers to the problem created by Ryan's black-balling and to the difficulty of inviting him just yet to stand again.)	J. H. Wicks (P). L. W. Rolleston (S).	<i>Qual</i> : seasons in 1898 and 1901-5. The list of climbs is exceptionally strong, even without his great 1906 season. Passed: Feb. 20, 1906. Rejected: Mar. 6, 1906.
1908	Kempe, Edward Challis. Clergyman. B. 1881. St. George's Vicarage, Camberwell. Later in N.S. Wales; Chaplain to Forces, First World War; Canon of St. Alban's. In <i>Crockford</i> , 1961-62, living at Weymouth.	Rev. A. Fairbanks (P). Sir R. M. Beachcroft (S).	<i>Qual</i> : (1904-7). A short list, including Unterbächhorn, Finsteraarhorn, Mte. Rosa, Dom, Weisshorn (tr. Randa to Zinal—it would be interesting to know what route was taken on descent); Rothorn (Zinal to Zermatt); Matterhorn trav. Rejected as insufficient Jan. 14, 1908.
(This candidate came up again a year later, his seconder being O. K. Williamson. Had additional climbs of Laquinhorn-Fletschhorn, Weissmies, Ulrichshorn, Balfrinhorn, Sudlenzspitze trav. Again rejected as insufficient on Jan. 19, 1909.)			
1909	Rodick, Robert Lewis. Engineer. (<i>Aet.</i> 25.) London.	A. E. Field (P). A. E. Russell. (S)	<i>Qual</i> : 4 seasons, 1905-1908. A lot of small expeditions, the great majority being round Arolla. Many of the

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1909			climbs were without guides; amongst those who thus climbed with him one notices the name of G. Finch (1908). The form is marked: 'All one district', and it was rejected as insufficient on Jan. 19, 1909.
1910	Richards, Reginald Philip Edwards. Schoolmaster. (Aet. 26th year.) Of 27, Rosary Gdns., London, S.W.	A. D. Godley (P). Chr. Cookson (S).	<i>Qual</i> : 4 seasons, with about 20 adequate climbs round Chamonix (Géant and Gds. Charmoz); Arolla (Aigs. Rouges tr., Pigne, Mt.B. de Seilon); Rothorn, Rimpfischhorn, Weisshorn, Ober Gabelhorn, Mte. Rosa, Matterhorn, Nadelgrat (4 pks.), Fletschhorn-Laquinhorn, Portjengrat, Weissmies. Numerous climbs in Lake District. Passed, Nov. 15, 1910, but a later entry on the form reads, 'postpone for 1 year'.
(It is not clear why there was delay over this case, and the candidate does not seem to have re-applied. The Committee Minute Book says 'considered insufficient'.)			
ca.1912	Temperley, N. R. (Resident in Chile.)	<i>Nil.</i> <i>Nil.</i>	Was never formerly proposed or seconded, it seems. His application consists only of a discursive letter, from which it appears that he had done some mild climbing in Chile.
1912	Hofer, Martin. Antiquary. (Aet. 24.) 47, Duke St., St. James's, S.W.	Dr. A. Heim (P). <i>Nil.</i>	<i>Qual</i> : The list of ascents is quite inconsiderable. The word 'weak' in Farrar's handwriting is on this application form, also a 'No'.

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1914	Perdrizet, Paul. Professor of Archaeology, Univ. of Nancy. (<i>Aet.</i> 43.)	F. A. M. Noelting (P). <i>Nil.</i> (Dr. Drübe of the S.A.C. is named, but he was not a member of the A.C. and therefore ineligible.)	Climbing qualification too weak.
1915	Rankin, Sir James Reginald Lea, Bt., of Watterstone, Abergavenny. (1871-1931). (In a note on the back of the form, apparently by C. H. R. Wollaston, it is said that Rankin reached the top of Aconcagua alone, having been deserted by his guides, and was caught in a snowstorm on the way down and badly frostbitten. He had quite a colourful career (see Burke's <i>Peerage</i>), and that characteristic was inherited by his heir. In a list of ascents of Aconcagua in <i>Die Alpen</i> , (<i>Varia</i>) 1942, p. 341, there is no reference to Rankin, and only three ascents are recorded up to 1915.)	W. M. Conway (P). D. W. Freshfield (S).	Passed by Committee on Sept. 21, 1915. Clearly, from his record he was not a serious mountaineer, though he had done some climbing when on shooting expeditions. In 1902 attempted Aconcagua and lost all his toes. The Committee evidently had misgivings over this application and had postponed it once before they passed it, on grounds difficult to understand. Among the 7 qualifying years are such entries as: 1898—Chogo Lungma Glacier; biggest snow leopard on record. 1901—Dead Sea; Goats. 1906—Tunisian Hills; Barbary Sheep. 1908— <i>Times</i> Correspondent in Morocco. 1912— <i>Times</i> Correspondent with Bulgarian forces in the Balkan War.
1917	Farrer, Reginald John, of Ingleborough, Clapham, Yorks. No profession. B. Feb. 17, 1880. (His book, <i>On the Eaves of the World</i> was reviewed in <i>A. J.</i> 32. 130)	A. L. Mumm (P) D. W. Freshfield (S)	Alpine botanist; mountain travel in many regions of the Alps, 1900-1914. On Kansu boundaries of Tibet, 1914-16. Passed: Jan. 2, 1917. Rejected: Feb. 6, 1917.