

(d) Honorary Members.—Honorary membership may be conferred upon any person for life, or for a limited period by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any General or Special-General meeting of the Club, and such honorary member can enjoy all the rights and privileges of the Club.

The Officers and Directors of the Club are as follows:—*President*, J. A. Hodgson; *First Vice-President*, H. Smith Johannsen; *Second Vice-President*, H. T. Cliff; *Honorary Secretary*, Emery St. Pierre; *Honorary Treasurer*, Allan G. Tiffin; *Directors*, H. P. Douglas, Gordon Dunn, Hugh B. Jaques, S. Stirling Maxwell, W. B. Thompson, A. Lyle Williams, N. M. Yuile.

APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN CLUB

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OF THE five thousand members of the Appalachian Mountain Club several hundred have actively taken up ski-ing and the number is increasing rapidly each year. The Club promotes cross-country ski-ing of the non-competitive sort, in sharp distinction to most of the American ski-ing clubs, which support racing and jumping, often almost to the exclusion of all other forms of ski-ing. Ski-ing has come into the Appalachian Mountain Club's program naturally as another delightful form of outdoor life and the enjoyment of nature at one of her best seasons. Skill is as useful here as in competitions, and, therefore, the Club runs weekly trips both to nearby golf courses, for practice, and to the more distant hill and mountain country. Under its aegis many hitherto untracked New England summits have been explored and visited repeatedly, including some of the highest peaks of north-eastern America: Mount Washington, 6,287 feet, Mount Moosilauke, 4,800 feet—these two long the stamping ground of the skiers of the Dartmouth Outing Club—and also Mount Chocorua, 3,475 feet and Katahdin, 5,268 feet, these two ascended by skis to the summit for the first time by Club members. An account of the Club's "moving base" ski trip through the Laurentians in 1930 will be found on another page of this Annual.

In addition to numerous articles on cross-country and mountain skiing in its illustrated magazine, "Appalachia," the Club has published a Manual on Cross-Country Ski-ing Equipment for Beginners. Its Equipment Committee has developed a ski-binding suitable for use with Barker and other soft boots, and also locates and lists shops where all the ski-ing specialties may be purchased.

At Pinkham Notch, N.H., the Club maintains a large cabin with service by "hut men" for the accommodation of skiers and other winter enthusiasts who visit the White Mountains Presidential Range. As the state road past this point is now kept ploughed, nearly every winter week-end finds one or more parties using the cabin as a base.

Nearer Boston, the Club has improved a 20-mile ridge route for ski-ing—the Wapack Trail, running over numerous low summits, the highest 2,280 feet high, but affording the sportiest of two-day trips. At its south and north ends, Mount Watatic in Massachusetts and North Pack Monadnock in southern New Hampshire afford the most open long slopes, the latter comprising a 1,100 foot drop capable of being taken in a single swoop whenever the snow lies deep over the pasture bushes. A fifteen foot swath cut down through these on a grade in places as steep as 15 degrees will thrill the most expert in the Arlberg turns, particularly when the snowfall is light.

Ski-ing holds a prominent place in the Club's extensive lecture series, including not only accounts of contemporary trips but also showings of the famous foreign motion films and a "dry ski-ing" course at the beginning of each season, followed by instruction on the snow. Thus many angles of the ski-ing sport are covered by the Club's program.