TRANSACTIONS OF THE A.S.S.I.

Date	Venue	Paper	Read by
July 12 1939	Royal Geographical Society, London	3. Discussion to make proposals for Admiral Byrd's Antarctic Ex- pedition	Opened by the Rever- end W. L. S. Fleming
Feb. 7 1940	Geological Society, London	1. Preliminary report of the Inter- national Union of Geodesy and Geophysics, Washington Con- gress, 1939	Dr. N. E. Odell
		2. Report on the Snow Survey of the British Hills 1939-40	Mr. L. C. W. Bonacina

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MEETINGS

GENERAL MEETING

held at the Royal Geographical Society's House, Kensington Gore, London, on Monday, 22 October 1945

22 members and 3 visitors were present

1. President's Report. The President (Mr. G. Seligman) welcomed members after the long lapse of years. He reminded them that the last meeting had taken place on 7 February 1940 and gave a brief summary of that meeting, the matter most important to those now present being the report of the amalgamation of the two International Commissions of Snow and of Glaciers into one body at the Geophysical Congress at Washington in September 1939. In elaborating the report made at that time, the President said that there would be a permanent Committee of Glacier Measurement within the new Commission in order that this work could be carried on uninterruptedly.

Passing to the present day, the President said that before long the next meeting of the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics would be arranged and that it would probably take place in one of the Scandinavian countries or Switzerland.

It was hoped soon to approach members of the British Groups of the old Commissions of Snow and of Glaciers to see if they were willing to continue, and it had been suggested that Mr. J. M. Wordie and he should jointly head the British Group.

Referring to the United States Antarctic Service Expedition of 1939-41, the President said that he had just received a gratifying acknowledgement from Professor J. Alton Wade, the expedition's senior scientist, of the research programme which the Association had prepared for him and on which the expedition's final plans had been based. The preliminary paper on the results had now arrived, together with some lantern slides, and would be presented by the Reverend W. L. S. Fleming during the summer of 1946.

At the meeting of February 1940, another meeting had been fixed for May of that year in Oxford, but it had had to be cancelled and the work of the Association had then lapsed

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until a Committee Meeting was called on 16 July 1945. It was then decided to recommence its activities.

The President concluded by saying that they were the only body which could call together all British glaciologists under one roof and, incidentally, were unique as being the only association of its kind in the world. Because of this he considered it to be the platform on which all matters of interest to British glaciologists should be discussed.

2. The President put forward the Committee's proposal that the name of the Association should be changed to "British Glaciological Society" for reasons already circulated to members. The proposal was seconded by Dr. N. E. Odell and carried unanimously. On the question whether members of the Society would prefer to remain "members" or to be known as "fellows" it was unanimously agreed to retain the designation "members."

3. The President reported that Professor Debenham had resigned from the Committee. All the places on the Committee had been filled by co-option and he offered to the Meeting for re-election the names of the three co-opted members: Lt.-Cdr. A. R. Glen, R.N.V.R., Dr. Brian Roberts and Mrs. Graham Rowley.

The proposal was seconded by Dr. N. A. Mackintosh and carried unanimously.

4. The President reported that owing to uncertainty of private plans he wished to hold over the appointment of an Honorary Secretary for the time being. This was agreed to.

5. The President reported that when the work of the Society lapsed in 1941 there were about 120 members. From the circular sent out to those members 57 replies had so far been received, 49 of these being acceptances. 20 new names had been forwarded to him as suggested new members, and of these so far 7 had joined.

The President pointed out that the Annual General Meeting had been called before the time laid down in the regulations. Colonel Andrew Croft proposed that the meeting should indemnify the Committee. Squadron-Leader Dunlop-Mackenzie seconded the proposal, which was carried unanimously.

The Meeting then discussed the suggestions for papers sent in by members and proposals for increasing the general usefulness of the Society.

6. The President asked Dr. N. E. Odell, in accordance with the Society's accepted practice, to take the Chair for the reading of the papers.

Inst. Lt.-Cdr. R. Moss, R.N., and Lt.-Cdr. A. R. Glen, D.S.C., R.N.V.R., then read the papers which, together with the discussion, are reported below.

INVESTIGATIONS ON ICE DURING THE WAR

I. Instructor Lieutenant-Commander R. Moss, R.N.

LT.-CDR. Moss said that the problem of icing up had become very acute during the war because of the necessity for the North Russian convoys to steam for many days in regions of high humidity and low temperature. This resulted in great accumulations on decks and superstructure and interfered with accurate navigation. As yet no really satisfactory method of overcoming this problem had been devised.

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