

In Memoriam

CALEB FRANK GATES, JR.

1904-1955

Caleb Gates was born in Istanbul, where his father was president of Robert College. He attended Princeton and Balliol College, Oxford, and in 1927-1928 was president of the Oxford University Mountaineering Club. He taught history at Robert College and later at Princeton, where he also became assistant dean of students. In 1941 he became chancellor of Denver University. He served in Army intelligence in Europe during the war. Returning to Denver he resigned as chancellor, but continued as professor of history until 1949, after which he had a long illness. His first marriage, by which there were three children, ended in divorce. He had married again a few months before his death in California.

His climbing was done mostly between 1925 and 1930, principally in the Alps, where he made about 50 ascents, generally guideless after the first two years. He was considered a good climber at that time, and was a member of the Alpine Club (London) as well as of our own club from 1928 until his death.

H. S. H., Jr.

ARTHUR PAUL HARPER

1865-1955

On May 30, 1955, there died at Wellington, New Zealand, in his ninetieth year, our honorary member Arthur P. Harper¹ and the last surviving founder of the New Zealand Alpine Club. The inaugural meeting of the latter Club on March 11, 1891, was called by a notice signed by G. E. Mannering and A. P. Harper, and it elected Harper as the first secretary and treasurer. His father, Leonard Harper, was appointed the first president.

Young Arthur, on an early visit to England, was sent for six months to Dr. Parry's school at Stoke Poges, where he records (in "Memories of Mountains and Men"—a most readable book, published in 1946) he was a fellow-pupil of Benjamin Disraeli, a nephew of Lord Beaconsfield, whom he encountered when on a visit to the school. He also had the remarkable experience of suffering punishment from his headmaster for untruthfulness in maintaining that he did *not* come from Australia, but from New Zealand, when to his "betters" New Zealand was definitely part of Australia!

¹See photographs in *A.A.J.* 1952, opp. pg. 382 and *A.A.J.* 1953, opp. pg. 577.