

Appalachian Mountain Club.

Boston, May 14, 1877.

DEAR Sir:

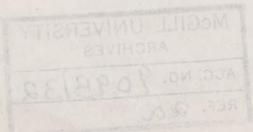
At the regular meeting of May 9, 1877  
you were elected a Corresponding member of the APPALACHIAN  
MOUNTAIN CLUB. For convenience of reference a copy of the Constitution of  
the Club is enclosed, and your attention is called to Articles III. and IV.,  
relating to membership. A blank is also enclosed which you are requested  
to fill and return to J. B. Henck, Jr., Mass. Inst.  
Technology, Boston, Mass., U.S.A.

Respectfully yours,

Samuel Scudder President.

J. B. Henck, Jr. Secretary.

Mr. G. M. Dawson,  
Montreal, Canada.



Receipt of this has been  
acknowledged  
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J. B. Black, Jr., Secy.,  
Boston, Mass., U.S.A.

Respectfully yours,

President.

Secretary.

W. F. Johnson,  
Master, Canada.

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## Appalachian Mountain Club.

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This CLUB was organized in the winter of 1875-1876 for the advancement of the interests of those who visit the mountains of New England and adjacent regions, whether for the purpose of scientific research or summer recreation. It will be seen, by reference to the Constitution of the CLUB, that provision is made for five departments of work, each of which is placed under the guidance of a member of the Council selected for that purpose. The CLUB will carry on a systematic exploration of the mountains of New England and adjacent regions, publishing its results from time to time, and will collect books, maps, photographs, sketches and all available information of interest or advantage to frequenters of the mountains. It will also encourage the opening of new paths, clearing of summits from which views may be obtained, and other improvements.

At the same time, the CLUB, recognizing the importance of connecting its special work among the Appalachians with the general results of investigations elsewhere, will encourage the study of comparative geography in general, opening its meetings to contributions, both scientific and popular, on zoological and botanical geography, geology, topography, hydrography, travel and exploration. It will collect works upon these topics, with maps, charts, and photographs of all parts of the world, and by the customary courtesies of exchange and correspondence, will enter into relationship with organizations of a similar character elsewhere.

## CONSTITUTION.

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ARTICLE I. The Association shall be called the APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN CLUB.

ART. II. The objects of the Club are to explore the mountains of New England and the adjacent regions, both for scientific and artistic purposes; and, in general, to cultivate an interest in geographical studies.

ART. III. The Club shall consist of Active, Corresponding, and Honorary Members. Active Members shall alone be eligible to office, entitled to vote, or subject to the payment of fees. Corresponding Members may be chosen from among persons engaged in geographical work or mountain exploration. Honorary Members, not exceeding twenty-five in number, may be elected from among the Corresponding Members."

ART. IV. Elections shall be made by ballot, and the affirmative votes of two-thirds of the members present shall be necessary to election. Nominations to active membership shall be made in writing by at least two members, and forwarded to the Council through the Secretary. Should the Council by a majority vote approve the nomination, the Secretary shall announce the candidature at the next regular meeting of the Club, and balloting shall take place at the succeeding regular meeting. Nominations for Corresponding or Honorary members shall proceed directly from the Council, but shall otherwise be subject to the same rules. The admission fee shall be two dollars and until this is paid, and the candidate has signed the Constitution, active membership is not acquired.

ART. V. The officers of the Club shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer; and five Councillors, who, together with the higher officers, shall form a governing board to be termed the Council.

ART. VI. Officers shall be chosen by ballot at the annual meeting in January; but if any office shall become vacant during the year, the vacancy may be filled by a new election. The President and Vice-President shall not hold their respective offices two consecutive years, nor the Councillors more than three consecutive years.



ART. VII. The President, or in his absence the Vice-President, shall preside at all meetings of the Club and Council. He shall also prepare for the annual meeting an address upon some appropriate subject, with a review of the operations of the Club the previous year.

ART. VIII. The Secretary shall conduct the official correspondence, keep a record of the Club and Council, and have charge of all books, maps and manuscripts.

ART. IX. Under the direction of the Council, the Treasurer shall collect, take charge of and disburse all funds belonging to the Club, and shall present a report upon its financial condition at the annual meeting.

ART. X. The five Councillors shall be chosen to represent the departments of Natural History, Topography, Art, Exploration and Improvements. It shall be their duty to offer to the Council each spring a plan for the summer's work, and to recommend places at which field meetings shall be held; and at the November meeting to report to the Society the operations of the Club during the preceding summer. The Councillors are authorized, at any time between January and May, to call special meetings of those interested in their respective subjects, at which they shall act as Chairmen.

ART. XI. The Council shall be the managing board of the Club, control all expenditures, make rules for the use of its property, and act for its interests in any way not inconsistent with the Constitution.

ART. XII. Regular meetings of the Club shall be held on the afternoon of the second Wednesday of every month from October to June, and field meetings at such times during the summer months as the Council shall determine. The January meeting shall be the annual meeting for the election and reports of officers. Eleven members shall form a quorum for business.

ART. XIII. Every active member shall be subject to an annual assessment of two dollars, due at the annual meeting; but no assessment shall be required of any member during the six months succeeding his election. The President and Treasurer are authorized to remit this fee, *sub silentio*, when they deem it advisable. Commutation may be purchased for thirty dollars.

ART. XIV. This Constitution may be altered only by a vote to that effect of three-fourths of the members present at two consecutive regular meetings of the Club, notice of the proposed change having been given to all the members.

Appalachian Mt  
Club.

OFFICERS FOR 1875-76.

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PRESIDENT,  
EDWARD C. PICKERING.

VICE-PRESIDENT,  
SAMUEL H. SCUDDER.

SECRETARY,  
JOHN B. HENCK, JR.

TREASURER,  
H. F. WALLING.

COUNCILLORS :

T. STERRY HUNT, NATURAL HISTORY.  
C. H. HITCHCOCK, TOPOGRAPHY.  
CHARLES E. FAY, ART.  
L. F. POURTALES, EXPLORATION.  
W. G. NOWELL, IMPROVEMENTS.

The Secretary may be addressed at the Massachusetts Institute  
of Technology, Boston, Mass.

