

THE PRESIDENT

At the Annual General Meeting of the Club on 27 November 1985, Miss Anne Cordiner was elected President in succession to Mr E.F. Johnston.

Anne Cordiner was born in Glasgow although her parents were from Aberdeen. Her interest in the hills was first stimulated by her father, but her career as a teacher of physical education and the fact that her first teaching post was in Skye meant that her early interest in mountains was strengthened and maintained in later years.

Miss Cordiner was a part-time instructor during the early years of Glenmore Lodge and later she became an instructor with the Mountaineering Association. Her teaching posts ranged from Bristol to Derby and back to Aberdeen, but in 1965 she was appointed as the full-time Warden at the Outward Bound School for Girls in Wales, a position which she held for twelve years until she joined the Blood Transfusion Service in Aberdeen. She retired last year.

Anne Cordiner's holidays are often spent abroad, climbing or skiing in Switzerland, France and Italy, a trip to Spitzbergen and climbing in the Himalayas. A Churchill Fellowship took her to Poland, Czechoslovakia and India, enabling her to climb in the Tatras as well as other mountain ranges. A particular highlight was an expedition to Greenland in 1970 with members of the Ladies Scottish Climbing Club, as described in CCJ Vol. 18, No. 94.

Miss Cordiner joined the Cairngorm Club in 1949 and her first term on the Committee was in 1957. She served as Vice-President from 1962 until 1965 and 1984/85. The new President's term of office will cover a historic period with the centenary of the Club in 1987 and the start of the next one hundred years of Club activities. Club members will wish her well during what will be a busy term as President.

