

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ALPINE CLUB.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held at the Club Rooms on Monday, December 15, at 8.30 P.M., the *President*, Mr. HORACE WALKER, in the Chair.

The following candidates were balloted for and elected members of the Club :—Messrs. J. E. Bode, D. Diamantidi, J. H. Gibson, A. D. Godley, H. E. B. Harrison, E. Kelly, L. Norman-Neruda, C. H. Pasteur, D. W. Stable, and C. Stonham.

The PRESIDENT in a short address briefly alluded to the loss of several highly-valued members which the Club had sustained during the year ; and, remarking that the season had been a particularly disastrous one to guides, he called the attention of the meeting to the collections which were being made by various members of the Club on behalf of the families of Carrel, Castagneri, and Maquignaz. He further announced that the promises of subscriptions to the 'Alpine Guide' Republication Fund had now reached a sum sufficient to enable the Committee to decide that the work should now be proceeded with forthwith.

The election of officers for the ensuing year then took place. On the motion of Mr. C. PILKINGTON, seconded by Mr. HALL, Messrs. G. Chater and J. H. Wicks were unanimously elected new members of the Committee in the places of Messrs. W. M. Conway and H. S. King, who retired by rotation.

On the motion of Mr. D. FRESHFIELD, seconded by the Rev. H. B. GEORGE, the *President*, Mr. H. WALKER, was unanimously re-elected.

On the motion of Mr. GROVE, seconded by Dr. SAVAGE, the Vice-Presidents, Messrs. F. A. Wallroth and S. F. Still, the Hon. Secretary, Mr. F. O. Schuster, and the remaining members of the Committee, viz., Messrs. Beachcroft, Mortimer, Slingsby, Willink, Carson, and Thomas were unanimously re-elected. Mr. C. T. DENT proposed, and Dr. LIVEING seconded the following resolution :—

That Rule XV. be altered as follows :—In place of the words 'Each member shall pay an Entrance Fee of One Guinea and an annual subscription of One Guinea,' to substitute 'Each member shall pay an Entrance Fee of FOUR Guineas, and an annual subscription of One Guinea.'

After some remarks from the HON. SECRETARY, bearing on the general question of the finances of the Club, Mr. W. PUCKLE proposed, and Mr. FRESHFIELD seconded, an amendment raising the entrance fee to five instead of four guineas. In the discussion which followed Messrs. C. E. MATHEWS, WALLROTH, and GROVE took part, and the amendment having been withdrawn, the original motion was put and carried by an all but unanimous vote, there being only one dissident. Mr. DENT further moved and Dr. LIVEING seconded :—

'That the Committee be requested so to modify the existing arrangements as to provide an assistant to the Honorary Secretary, whose business shall be to attend at the Club Rooms on such days and at such hours as the Committee may direct, and to discharge such further

duties as the Committee may prescribe,' and this resolution was carried unanimously.

Mr. W. M. CONWAY read a paper on 'The Exploration of the Alps.' An animated discussion followed, in which the PRESIDENT and Messrs. PILKINGTON, WALLROTH, BUTLER, DENT, and GROVE took part. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Conway, and the meeting, which had been very numerous attended, came to a close.

The Annual Exhibition of Alpine paintings and photographs was held at the Whitehall Rooms of the Hotel Métropole during the afternoon of Tuesday, December 16 (for a detailed notice see p. 392), and again attracted a very large number of visitors, the rooms being crowded almost to excess. Gratifying as the ever-increasing popularity of these gatherings is, it cannot be said that under such conditions works of art and objects deserving close study, can be seen to best advantage, and the question arises whether in future arrangements should not be made to keep the collection together and on view for at least another day.

The Winter Dinner took place at the Whitehall Rooms on the evening of the 16th, the chair being taken by the *President*, Mr. Horace Walker. The attendance was more numerous even than last year, 210 members and guests being present; amongst the latter were the Rev. Dr. Lansdell, Mr. G. Buckle (editor of the 'Times'), Sir H. MacCormac, the Principal of Brasenose, Mr. Onslow Ford, &c. &c.

The following circular has been sent to those who have promised subscriptions to the fund for republishing the 'Alpine Guide':—

'ALPINE GUIDE' REPUBLICATION FUND.

Dear Sir,—The subscriptions to the above-named fund have reached a sum sufficient to enable the Committee of the Alpine Club to decide that the work be forthwith put in hand, and that the promised subscriptions be at once called up.

You have been good enough to promise a subscription to the fund amounting to £ , and I shall be obliged if you will kindly transmit that sum to Messrs. R. Twining & Co., Bankers, 215, Strand, London, W.C., accompanied by the annexed form.

The subscription list will be kept open until the sum of £750—being the estimated cost of the production of the work—is reached.

I remain, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

F. O. SCHUSTER,
Hon. Sec.

Errata in November Number.

- Page 256, *Note on Illustration*, line 4, for 'valleys' read 'villages.'
 " 293, line 26, for 'Point' read 'Pic.'
 " 297, " 8 'from bottom, for 'ascent' read 'descent.'
 Pages 207, 208, for 'Fée' read 'Fee.'
 Page 212, line 26, for '1888' read '1889'; and in the next line for 'by a new route' read 'by a route taken only once Letoise, and in the contrary direction.'