

Again, 'enormous heat' is, when applied to Trans-Caucasia generally, a misleading phrase. Tiflis and the Georgian plains are undoubtedly, like Lombardy, warm in summer, although in some seasons at any rate by no means unbearably so; but the hills are always at hand, and there is never any need to go far for shade and mountain air.

We trust that English travellers will not be influenced, in planning Caucasian tours, by reports founded rather on hearsay than on the experiences recorded by former writers, with whose works—and they are tolerably numerous—Sir A. Cunynghame seems to be but slightly acquainted.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ALPINE CLUB.

Monday, December 16.—Mr. W. LONGMAN, *President, in the Chair.*

The following gentlemen were balloted for, and elected members of the Club, viz.: Messrs. S. F. Still, E. Hulton, C. Pilkington, H. Hoare, W. M. Pendlebury, Rev. J. F. Bramston, Rev. C. H. Hawkins, Messrs. W. White, and G. W. Stevens.

Mr. ADAMS-REILLY proposed, and Mr. C. G. HEATHCOTE seconded, 'That Sir J. H. Ramsay, Bart., and the Rev. W. H. Hawker, be elected members of the Committee in place of Messrs. C. E. Mathews and D. W. Freshfield, who retire by rotation; and that the President, Vice-presidents, other members of Committee, and Secretary, be re-appointed for the ensuing year.' An alteration of Rule III. was agreed to, so as to allow of the Editor of the Alpine Journal being added to the Committee as an extra member, the possible number of such extra members being thus raised to four.

Mr. T. S. KENNEDY read a paper on 'Excursions from Cormayeur, in the range of Mont Blanc,' giving an account of a new and more direct route up Mont Blanc from the Miage glacier, and of an ascent of the Aiguille de Léchaud.

Some discussion took place as to the expedience of, for the sake of country members, holding in future years the annual general meeting and the winter dinner on the same day. It appeared, however, to be the almost unanimous opinion of the country members present that the existing practice of holding the meeting and dinner on two successive days should be adhered to.

Tuesday, December 17.—The annual winter dinner took place at Willis's Rooms, when 110 members and their friends sat down; Mr. W. LONGMAN, President, in the chair. Amongst the guests of the Club on the occasion were Sir F. Pollock, Bart., and Lt.-Col. the Hon. W. Sackville West. Mr. Arthur Croft lent for exhibition a large collection of his own water-colour drawings, and pictures were also lent by Mr. G. Barnard, Mr. Alfred Wills, and others. Plates of the Alpine Club map of Switzerland (now being executed under the supervision of Mr. Nichols), in various stages of completion, and a magnificent volume of photographs of the Icebergs in the Polar Seas and the Glaciers of Greenland, lately published by Messrs. Sampson, Low & Co., were laid on the table.